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No inter-party deals signed but sense grows that Labour can win

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Labour can win the crucial vote, David Wood writes. The bids of the 13 Liberal and 8 United Ulster Unionist Coalition MPs for concessions in exchange for votes were still on the

Prime Minister confident at question time

tical Editor

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cial United Ulster Unionists for lite cessions in exchange for votes were on the Prime Minister's table. It Steel, the Liberal leader, has rered in effect a contractual undering that in return for Liberal port the Government will trim its alist sails and do nothing without reparty consultation, so that to the ernment's "social contract" with TUC would be added its contract in the Liberal platoon of MPs in the nmone.

ir James Molyncaux, reinforced by Enoch Powell, presides over a still-ided group of eight UUUC MPs. It tot clear what bargain Mr Callaghan conscientiously trade for their es, in whole or part, though it is wn behind the scenes that minisbave considered a proposal for Ulster committee at Westminster t would handle the primary legislafor Northern Ireland, which, since abolition of Stormont, has gone four Parliament as statutory

Ill the signs were that Mr Callaghan alert for a voting deal to make Government's survival tonight sure. does not want a general election til the economy is in better trim, but will not shrink from one if he loses confidence vote. Nevertheless, there a limit to the humble pie he must

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Id, notably in Egypt and the ted States, but none in siz, M Fabiew dealt with m." One of the 10 employees he firm told reporters. "Our gest client in France was the

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rship for the past 14 years a spy ring working for an named East European coun-They will be tried by the

om Charles Hargrove

Mr James Molyneaux, leader of eight of the Ulster Unionists, and Mr Enoch Powell tried to persuade them to support the Government.

Union pressure on MPs to support the Government mounted and one leader predicted that the Administration would survive.

The nationalists appear to be the only party in Scotland that would relish an early contest at the polls. The view expressed by six charities that a Government defeat would kill the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill has been denounced Full reports on page 2



be expected to eat in public, and the Liberals may scarcely hope to get everything they have asked for.

The Government crisis may not be resolved until the Commons debate gets under way this afternoon at 3.30 pm. Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, will open what a scathing attack on non-government and parliamentary non-government and parliamentary paralysis created by the Covernment's defeat on the guillotine motion to carry

detect on the gomothe motion to carry the devolution Bill.

Mr Callaghau will then open the Government's reply; and it is at that point that he can be expected to drive wedges between the Opposition and the 40 members of minority parties who will be the hinge of the Government's

There are many opportunities available to Mr Callaghan for splining off the support of Liberals, UUUCs, and the

Mr Callaghan on television last night nationalist parties from Mrs Thatcher, He will rectainly make much of the Eudget that Mr Healey, Chancelfor of the Exchequer, is to open in the Commons on Tuesday, with its promise of tax concessions for the higher-paid as

well as the lower-poid, and with its change from direct to indirect taxation. change from direct to indirect taxation. He can also pledge himself to persist with the devolution Bill on terms that the minor parties and groups will welcome. But in any bids he makes for votes be will have one handicap. The Government can propose, but it cannot promise, that the House of Lords will folfil some commitments, including the devolution Bill which is one of Mr Callaghan's strongest cards. The most that may be said as meet-

ings and manoeuvrings continue at Westminster is that the Government

while there is life there is hope for Mr Callaghan.

Liberal MPs would not accept the
word "ultimatum" as appropriate to

word "ultimatum" as appropriate to describe the content or the tone of the letter Mr Steel had delivered to 10 Downing Street yesterday morning although they agreed that it was tough and specific.

Alike to protect himself as Liberal leader against criticism and to protect the Liberal Party interest, Mr Steel felt obliged to ask the Prime Minister not merely for a signed and sealed contract but also for a public contract. It was no small demand to make of Mr Callaghan, who also has party critics and the public image of the Government and the Labour Party to protect; and it was not surprising that he showed reluctance to countersign

he showed reluctance to countersign Mr Steel's armistice terms.
While Mr Steel and the Liberal

while Mr Steel and the Liberal parliamentarians awaited Mr Callaghan's reply. Mr Thorpe, the former Liberal leader, went on the Independent Television news midday programme to give some account of the conditions on which Liberals would make a deal with the Prime Minister in return for their 13 votes tonight.

"We have made perfectly clear", Mr Thorpe said, "that we believe there is a case for supporting the Govern-ment if they will moderate their policies and govern in the national in-terest; and we have set out those matters we think they ought to follow."

What in particular? It meant, Mr from direct to indirect taxation, talks on

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Fire at 'Panorama' school: Mr Edward Jones, Headmaster of Faraday Comprehensive School, at Acton, London, standmg by the ruins of a classroom that was burnt to the ground on Monday evening, only a few hours after a documentary film about the school had been shown on Panorama, the BBC television programme. Mr Jones said yesterday that he was convinced that the fire had no connexion with

the programme, about which parents, teachers and pupils at the school had complained. That film showed children smoking after school, reading comics in class and interrupting teachers. Of 15 hours of filming, only 50 minutes was shown, and Mr Jones said many of the positive aspects of the school had been cut He said, however, that what was shown was true. After a special meeting last night

the school staff issued a statement condemining the portrayal, which was directed by Miss Angela Pope. They maintained that written assurances by Miss Pope to give a balanced view had been broken. Situations had been contrived to give an adverse impression, they said. Miss Pope was not available to comment vesterday, but the RRC said that all complaints would but the BBC said that all complaints would be dealt with individually.

Cuban advisers said to be in command il five accused had welli positions or enjoyed a fortable retirement. Roger al, aged 24, was a former of Katangan forces invading Zaire

From Fred Emery Washington, March 22

Cuban military advisers in Angola are commanding and coordinating up to six separate combat operations by the Katangan forces invading Zaire, according to highly placed sources in the Carter Administration. This assessment is believed to be based on new incelligence from intercepted radio commands from the Cubans to the invaders.

gents of the DST claim to
e found a highly sophistiid transmission system at
headquarters of the comy for which M Fabiew
ked at Buc in the Yvelines,
h-west of Paris. It enabled Nothing has yet been said publicly here. The official line remains that there is no "hard revidence" that Cuban forces are operating in Zaire. But to the administration that distinction is irrelevant when the to forward his information city to the foreign power loying him by-passing its lassy in Paris. That made its ction more difficult. Cubains are, as the sources believe, closely directing opera-

Angola border.
There is deepening concern within the Administration over the Zaire situation, and some evident perplexity about what to do next. It is firmly held that the Cubans would not be operating without Soviet permission, and the issue is now among those to be raised with the Kremlin leadership by Mr.

Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, when he visits Moscow next week. However, the memory of the Russians refusal to impose restraint in Angola last year

has bred scepticism that much can be boped for from the Russians. - There is also scepticism. within the Administration, over

hoev much can be hoped for

tions from just across the from Congress in its present Angela border. mood. President Carter's decision to accelerate nonmunitions military supplies to Zaire has aiready raised deep

questioning.

Now the State Department has disclosed that the latest request from President Mobutu's Government is for aumministion for the Army's American weapons.

Much depends, Administration officials recognize, on how the case is made for assisting Zaire. The forguness over the circumstances of the present incursions and the intentions of the Cubans and Angolans has left victually all the ques-tions unanswered.

Zaire rejects Castro denial, page 9

Sixty die in Iranian earthquake

Teheran, March 22—A powerful earthquake struck the Laristan area of southern Iran early today, killing at least 60 people and causing widespread danage, the official radio reported ported.

The earthquake, registering seven on the Richter scale, had its epiceutre in the Strait of Hormuz, at the mouth of the

Most of the deaths occurred in villages round the port city of Bandar Abbas. No casualties have been reported so far from the ciry itself, although many buildings were badly damaged. Air Force transport aircraft ing, and Mr Hoveyda, the a cosmetic "tinkering with the Prime Minister, is coordinating figures".

10,300 fall in jobless a 'tonic' for ministers

By Melryn Westlake

For the second consecutive month the trend of memployment has fallen. With the pos-sibility of an early general elec-tion, the latest figures, which contradict official and private forecasts, are extremely wel-

The figures, published yester-day by the Department of Em-ployment, show a full of 10,300 in the number of people regis-tered as unemployed, reducing the total jobless to 1,268,100, or 5.5 per cent of the workforce. That is after adjustment for seasonal influences and exclud-ing school-leavers. It brings the

ing school-leavers. It brings the fall since January to 17,000.

Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, described the trend as a "spring tonic". The drop in the unadjusted jobless total was sharper still, by 36,800 to 1,328,400. The decline was shared by most regions, with only East Anglia, east Midlands and Scotland failing to register a drop in the number of me a drop in the number of un-employed. Whether the figures represent

Whether the figures represent a genuine turning point or a temporary divergence will become clear only in the ensuing months and officials are cautious about drawing firm conclusions. However, there has for some time been a general slowing in the rate at which unemployment has been which unemployment has been rising. From peak increases of about 50,000 a month in the summer of 1975 the rate of increase in unemployment had slowed to about 10,000 a month by the end of last year.

Not for nearly three years have there been two consecu-tive monthly falls in the seasonally adjusted total and there are several other indications that the labour market is tightening. Overtime working has been on the increase and short-time working has been

There has been a sharp rise in recent months in the number of norified vacancies. During the month to March 10

During the month to March 10 there was a rise of 7,000 in the number of vacancies notified to employment offices (after seasonal adjustment).

At 156,000 the number of unfilled vacancies, which is regarded as an advance indicator of activity in the economy, is higher than at any time for 21 months. The total of unfilled vacancies has risen 27 per cept since the autumn. per cent since the autumn.

However, the sluation indi-cated by these figures is at odds with much else that is known about the economy. Our-put, for example, showed little growth throughout the summer and early autumn last year. Although there was some improvement in the closing months of 1976 it would be surprising if that had already begun to have a significant impact on unemployment.

At the same time the labour force is estimated to have been increasing by about 12,000 a month because of demographic changes. Over the next two years about 300,000 extra workers are expected to seek employment.

employment. It seems probable, therefore, that the Government's special measures to alleviate unem ment have been of marked in-fluence. It is thought that unemployment might be as much as 200,000 higher but for these measures, which were introduced in April, 1975. Officials believe they may now be close to having their maxi-

be close to having their maximum effect.
So far 500,000 people have been affected by the measures at a cost of 2520m. They have probably been a factor in depressing output a head, although some decline in productivity was apparent before the special measures were introduced.

introduced.
Mixed reception: The TUC
welcomed the improved unemployment figures but said
the better outlook must not be
used as an excuse to put off
reflation of the economy (Paul
Rouriedge writes).
Mr Len Murray, general
secretary of the TUC, said:
"The figures in no way remove
the need for the Eudget next
week to give a major boost to

week to give a major boost to

Mr Prior, shadow Secretary of State for Employment doubted whether the improve

Paddy Kitchen on This Brilliant Year exhibition at the Royal Academy; William Mann on Henze's Boulevard Solitude in Glasgow; Ned Challlet on Pinero's The Amazons at Wimble-

Mr Basil Brown, Lucille Wallace, the Duke of Portland

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ew threat to eyland in upplier's strike

walkout by 41 foremen at SU juretiers brought a new threat to and Cars yesterday. The dispute ed over another foreman's request to m to his old job as a bench mechanic Carburetters supplies parts for all and Cars. Meanwhile, representatives killed men at Ford Motors gave a ing that they were prepared to take strial action to get differentials

IC butter challenge

European Parliament will decide to-whether to carry a Franco-Irish ure motion against Mr Roy Jenkins the suspension of EEC subsidies on er sales to Eastern Europe. If a subtial majority supports the motion, Mr ins and his colleagues in the Euroins and his colleagues m. Commission will have to resign Page 7

Nigeria's threat to West at UN

Nigeria will take retaliatory economic Nigeria will take retaliatory economic action against any country which attempts to frustrate the liberation of southern Africa, the United Nations Security Council was told. The threat, clearly directed at western countries, including Britain, came in a critical debate on South Africa Earlier report, page 8

Another Pitt'first

The first black chairman of an official race relations body in Britain is Lord Pitt of Hampstead, who takes over the last weeks of the Community Relations Commission. In 1974 Lord Pitt became the first black chairman of the Greater Landon Council

Breathalyser doubts

A judge called for a Home Office investigation of the breath test after a police surgeon had expressed the opinion that the test was inaccurate and that it some times gave a negative result even when the level of alcohol in the blood exceeded the permitted limit

Carter reform plan for US elections

Streeping changes in the American electoral laws have been proposed by President Carter. They include abolition of the electoral college system in presidential elections; the financing of congressional elections out of public funds, already introduced for presidential conalready introduced for presidential contests; and reforms to make voter registration much easier

Radio changes: Scotland and Wales are to have their own networks in changes planned for EEC Radio 4 Rail improvements: Eritish Rail's new

timetable introduces improved crosscountry and provincial services South Korea: Opposition leader and 17 others jailed for criticizing the constitution and emergency decrees

Muslim loses appeal: A Muslim teacher who resigned when refused time off to go to a mosque failed in his claim for unfair dismissal in the Court of Appeal 9 Yugoslavia: A four-page Special Report on President Tito's unique brand socialism

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Dutch Cahinet resigns after bitter battle over land reform plan

The Hague, March 22

"The bitterest moment in my political carear" was how Mr Joop den Uyl, the Dutch Socialist Prime Minister, announced to Parliament tonight that his Government had collapsed.

The six Christian Democratic ministers in the 16-strong Dutch centre-left Cabinet had resigned earlier in the day. As a result, the Dutch Prime Minister informed Queen Juliana late in the afternoon that the Government was tendering its resignation.

"I regret deeply that this decision-making process has taken so much time and has resulted in so many promises being broken", Mr den Uyl said. "At this moment it seems peculiar to me", he added, "that this Cabinet cannot fulfil the tack inter two mouths before its task just two months before elections are due. It is up to Parliament to decide whose fault that is."

Elections are due on May 25. The immediate cause of the Government's collapse was a disagreement between the 10 Progressive and the six Christian Democratic ministers about land ownership law reform. The real cause was a climax to pre-election sparring beween the different factions both in and outside the coalition.

Ever since Mr Andries van Ever since Mr Andries van Agt, the present Minister of Justice and Vice-Premier, was nominated for the office of Prime Minister by the Christian Democratic parties, who plan to contest this election for the first time as a united group, the Cabinet has noved from one crisis to another. The atmosphere within the Cabinet, where Mr van Agt faced his

day by day.
The Government came close to disaster late last year on the issue of abortion law reform. A issue of abortion law reform. A new law was passed by the Lower House, but Mr van Agt, a Roman Catholic, said he would refuse to sign the Act when it was finally passed. But the Upper House rejected the Bill, and thus averted a crisis. The next major hurdle was the Menten affair. Mr van Agt was called before Parliament to explain how the Dutch tycoon and art collector, Mr Pieter

and art collector, Mr Pieter Menten, aged 78. could have fied from the Netherlands on the eve of his planned arrest on suspicion of wartine atrocines. Parliament humiliated the minister and it is now said that

his decision to force the Cabinet split was partly revenue for the way the Socialists treated him during that debate, which was broadcast nationally. Mr Menten was later arrested in Switzerland, expelled, and is now awaiting trial. The present crisis began to develop last week when the Cabinet asked Parliament for

an adjournment of the land ownership debate, since they could not reach agreement on amendments demanded Parliament. The purpose of the rariament. Ine purpose of the new Bill was to stop property developers from buying agricultural land for speculation. The new law would give local government the first right to buy, land, and would fix the price according to the land use

at the time of sale.

The Christian Democrats wanted far-reaching amendments compensating larcowners in case of expropriation. The Progressive ministers were willing to amend the Bill, but not to the extent demanded by the

Mrs Gandhi submits to 'people's judgment'

From Richard Wigg Delhi, March 22

Mrs Indira Gandhi today tendered her resignation as Prime Minister after 11 uninterrupted years of office.

The collective judgment of the people must be respected, she declared. "My colleagues and I accept their verdict unreservedly and in a spirit of humility." She promised "constructive cooperation," with the new Government.

Her resignation was more than just the painful outcome of deleat at the hands of the Indian electors. It marked the end of an historic phase, Except for the brief Shashi interlude, the affairs of independent India. ne arrairs of independent India lieve always been in the hands of the Nebru family. And no previous Indian Prime Minister had ever resigned—Mr Shastri and Mr Jawahardal Nebru both died in office.

The occasion was muffled, almost hush-hush with Mrs Gandhi driving about 11 o'clock this morning to the Vice-President's office after making her decision known et a Cabinet meeting. The acting President, Mr B. D. Jatti, asked Mrs Gandhi to continue as care-taker with her ministers until the new Government is sworn in. She then drove home again. However, according to a source who has worked closely with her for 10 years, Mrs

With 536 of the 542 results positions were (with present seats in brackets):

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Gandhi might try to stage a comeback, in spite of her crushing defeat at the polls. According to this source, she has in the past 48 hours rejected suggestions of taking an Upper House seat or that a

Congressman from the south House. Instead she is said to prefer to wait three or four months, seeing perhaps a figure from the south elected as the new parliamentary party leader. She would seek to stage her time, after reorganizing the Congress Party, the source added. By this time she would be able to emerge and challenge the new Government, which will essentially be a multi-faceted

coalition. Certainly it is evident in individual conversations that ordinary people are uneasy with

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Union anger over pulse-spending cuts 'betraying' social contract a crucial issue in pay-pact talks

Labour Reporter

Trade union anger over the betrayal of the social contract by the imposition of public-spending cuts emerged yesterday as a crucial issue in the negotiation of a new pay the social contract because of continued erosions in public pact from August.
A one-day union conference

in London on the "social wage" uncovered the intense bitterness felt by all public-sector unions. The usually moderate National and Local Government Officers'
Association (Nolgo) will face
strong pressure at its annual
conference in June to withdraw

conference in June to Withdraw from the social contract.
The mood of yesterday's conference at Central Hall, Westminster, organized by the National Steering Committee Against the Cuts, was militant. Union after union condemned the cuts. Mr Bernard Dix, resistant general serverage of assistant general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, said the TUC General Council should have its "backside kicked". He added: "The social con-

ract was agreed last June. In July and December there were cuts in public spending. There has been a lack of a fighting response from the TUC, which

By Our Labour Editor

Militant train drivers' leaders

last night claimed a "major breakthrough" in wage bargain-

ing after agreeing a phase two settlement that does not bind

the footplatemen to a year with-

the social contract because of continued erosions in public spending. Sheffield branch, referring to "vicious cuts in essential public services", says the unions have restricted wage demands but the Government has not responded by keeping its side of the contract.

is side of the contract.

Harlow branch calls on the conference to resist vigorously any new social contract policy based on lowering real wages and restricting the right of unionists to negotiate wages and conditions.

Central region states: The social contract has been re-

social contract has been re-peatedly broken by the Govern-

employment. Several other riotions use similar terms.
The Federation of Professional Officers' Associations, comprising the senior profes-

encouraged the Tories, who feel sional and managerial unions in that the ground has already local government, which is not been softened up."

affiliated to the TUC but is officially "independent under brotection." the Employment Protection Act, has expressed "grave concern " at the impact of income policies on senior local government staff.

It says in a latter to the Chancelor of the Exchequer that differentials reflecting responsibility levels within depart-ments have been narrowed or

crea eliminated.
Mr Albert Spanswick, general retary of the Confederation Health Service Employees, said his union was besitant about making a decision on the next pay deal " until we see the

Mr Joseph Whelau, an executive tnember of the National Union of Mineworkers, saw public spending cuts as "part and parcel of a general attack as the living studged of the nent and can no longer be and parcel of a general attack treated by Nalgo as a binding on the living standards of the agreement. Reductions in man-power have meant a drastic lovering of services to the public and a higher rate of uncomplement. Several other services of Civil and Public Services of the services of the

vants, said that as a result of giving more tax relief to industry taxation on wage-earners had increased. Taxation should be distributed more equitably.

Charity protest over telegram to Liberal leader.

their phase two deal.
Mr Ray Buckton, general secretary of Aslef, described the board's acceptance of its bar-

our wage improvements.

The executive of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (Aslef) voted unanimously to accept a revised offer from the British a consistent opponent of wage Railways Board that gives rises to carry its campaign against a of £2.50 to £4 a week and better sick pay. A clause stipulating restrictive new income policy ment over phase three. In sub-mitting the wage claim Aslef said that if pay restraint was relaxed a 5 per cent increase consistent with present pay policy would be regarded as that the agreement should run for twelve months from April 25 has been deleted under pressure from the drivers.

The footplatemen's insistence that their agreement should not rule out the prospect of further only an interim settlement, and increases when wage restraint it would be back for more when rules are relaxed has already phase two expires at the end of been cited by the miners as sup- July.

Train drivers claim 'major breakthrough' in pay talks porting evidence in the demand for TUC approval for a pit-The East Anglian Shelter

housing aid centre yesterday dissociated itself from a telegram sent by six charities, in cluding Shelter, to Mr Steel, the Liberal leader, on Monday. productivity deal starting in August, only five months after The telegram said a govern-ment defeut tonight would kill the Housing (Homeless Persons) gaining arguments as a major breakthrough.

The drivers' union has been Bill, of which he is a sponsor. Mr James Spurling, the East

Anglian centre's organizer, said that Mr Stephen Ross, Liberal MP for the Isle of Wight and the Bill's main sponsor, and Mr Bugh Rossi, Conservative spokesman on housing and land, had both made clear to him that its importance was recognized.

In a telegram of its own to

Mr Steel yesterday the centre said "the failure of Labour housing policy, which is making two hundred extra houses cmpty every day", was the main cause of homelessness.

pressure on MPs to save Government

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

As union pressure on MPs As union pressure on MPs to save the Labour Government mounted yesterday Mr David Basnett, general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers' Union and one of the TUC's, grominent negotiators, predicted that Mr Callaghan would stay in office. He said the Government had

begun to overcome the nation's difficulties on the basis of consensus. "The Tories do not understand what consensus means?, he said.

"Our industrial strategy is beginning to work and the Government's economic policies are showing results. There are still many problems, but these problems are best solved by a Labour Government ". Pressure on Scottish nation

alist MPs to drop their backing for Mrs Thatcher increased from tor Mrs Thatcher increased from two quarters. The Scottish TUC warned the nationalist parliamentary group that if they helped to bring down the Administration they would open the door to the most reactionary Tory government since the

In a statement the STUC General Council said a defeat of the Government would be particularly catastrophic for working people.

It added: "They could shut

It added: "They could shur the door on any possibility of meaningful devolution for a long time to come."

Air Lawrence Duly, general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, also appealed to the Scottish nationalist and Scottish Labour Party MPs to support the Government "in their own long-term interests". Labour's parliamentary posi-tion will be discussed at this

morning's meeting of the TUC General Council. Mr Len Murray, TUC general secretary, has issued a statement of sup port for the Government.

Welsh pressure: Mr George Welsh pressure: Mr George Wright, general secretary of the Wales TUC, sent a telegram to Mr Dafydd Thomas, Plaid Cymru MP for Merioneth, appealing to him not to vote with the Tories (the Press Association reports). Mr Thomas said: "We do not consider it our parliamentary responsiour parliamentary responsi-bility to sustain a Labour gov-

More union | Ulster Unionists try to squeeze out a few more drops of blood

By David Leigh Political Staff

The eight Ulster Unionist MPs were split last night after a fierce party meeting during which Mr James Molyneaux, their leader, and Mr Enoch Powell tried to persuade them to support the Labour Chyern-

nent today. The Unionists abandoned the meeting after an bour and a half, while Mr Molyncaus went to consult Mr Foor in the bope of approving the Govern nent's offer. That consists of four more seats for Ulster mthe Commons Westminster, sources say, and the value prospect of devolution of some kind short of the old Stormont.

Later last night the UUUC MPs reconvened in the party leaders' room to discuss Mr Foot's response. The prospects looked relatively bright for at least an Ulster abstention, provided the domestic pressure from the provinces does for prove too heavy for the MPS.

o bear. The Ulstermen did not his series of demands on the table when they saw the Prime Minist:r earlier this week; they Minister earlier this week; they much have been waiting to see what the Government might offer, the independent Unionist, has

From Martin Huckerby

As the political parties in Scotland contemplate the possi-bility of an election a general

lament can be heard to the effect that the whole thing would be much better if it could be postponed for a few more

Only the Scottish National Party looks forward to a concest

with real relish. The other parties have responded to the

possible challenge with varying

degrees of vigour, but the underlying feeling is that none

is really ready for a general

Both the Labour and Conservative parties have selected candidates for most constitu-encies and should have adequate

funds to mount their campaigns.

But they face great difficulties in other fields.

The weakness of the Labour

Edinburgh

Plainly, on the security issue as well as other matters, they have not got what they con-

But what is crucial is that Mr Powell and Mr Molyneaux do not want to bring the Goverament down. Nor, for all the public truculence of his statements, does Mr Paisley, the third most important member of the coalition. Those close to the debate say he remembers keenly how the Unionists were treated under the Conservatives and how republicans pros-pered even to the extent of "no-go areas" under Mr Whitelaw, for whom Mr Paisley feels the

Keenest antogonism.

That makes it likely that the other UUUC AIPs will eventually come round, if a few more drops of blood can be squeezed out of Mr Foot and Mr Callag-han. Mr Foot also saw Mr Gerard Fitt, the solitary representative of the predominantly Roman Catholic SDLP at Westminster. He normally votes with the Government, and Mr Foot has to take care not to offer any deal to the Unionists that would antagonize him too

Government. It had been assumed that he would vote against them, but he is now say-ing that he will not if they accept a scheme for devolution to Northern Ireland as well as

Scotland and Wales.

He has also approached the Scottish nationalists, to whom Mr Callaghan went our of his way to be friendly at question time vesterday, saving he hoped they could eventually be coazed back into supporting Labour in Parliament.
The rebet Scottish Labour

pair, Mr Sillars and Mr Robertson, also have an offer of sup-port on the table, provided the devolution guillotine is resur-rected this session and made a vote of confidence.

Some MPs were speculating last night that the devolution dimension, which is the main immediate cause of the Government's predicament, may turn out to be the key to renewing the life of the Government.

The Liberals are anxious to see the return of a strengthened devolution Bill, and a number of Labour MPs who opposed the having seen the outcome, to re-

Nationalists are only party in Scotland that would relish contest at the polls

strated by the nationalists, and be warning the Scottish people the Labour Party in Scotland of the dangers of the SNP and is in the middle of a complete the likelihood that a rote for change of national officers. Although it emerged from its

recent conference at Perth in attacks are likely to worty the apparently fine fettle" the manimity of the delegates about devolution concealed the just want to keep all the power last want to keep all the power. lack of any real policy. The Conservatives have been

caught at an awkward time; they have been back-tracking on their commitment to devolution, but have yet to formulate any new policy.
In an election campaign they

are likely to simply admit that they are seriously split between those favouring a directly elected assembly and those, in-cluding the spokesman on Scot-land, Mr Edward Taylor, who are anti-devolution. Such frank-ness may be sensible but it will not necessarily satisfy electors wondering which way to vote. The Conservative and Labour

the nationalists could lead to independence. Not that such

at Westminster. The SNP is geniuinely delighted at the prospect of an election, coming so soon after the defeat of the guilloune on the devolution Bill.

The Liberals are probably in the worst position: only 30 candidates have so far been adopted from a possible 40 or 50, and the party has been under heavy attack over its failure to support the devolu-tion Bill guillotine.

The breakaway Scottish Labour Party is also ill prepared. It has been planning to field six candidates, but apart from its two existing MPs has

Survey of the ill and uncommitted

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A survey of uncommitted and sick members of Parliament was carried out by The Times

last hight.

Mr. Reg Prentice, Labour MP for Newham, North-East, bad still not decided yesterday how he would vote, but it became clear that he was more likely to chetain then compare the Comto abstain than support the Conservative motion. He said he would support the Government only if there was a satisfactory deal with the Liberals. Mr John Ryman, Labour Mp for Blyth, has also reserved his position.

A spokesman for Mr Frank Maguire, the Independent mem-ber for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, who usually votes with Labour, would say only that the MP "will give his answer at 10 o'clock on Wednesday

might". Mr Thomas Litterick, Labour MP for Birmingham, Selly Oak, who is seriously ill in hospital after a heart attack, will not attend to vote. His wife said:
"He is extremely ill and there is absolutely no chance that he

Mr Donald Anderson, Labour MP for Swansea, East, who is ill, will be able to support the Government.
Sir Alfred Broughton, Labour MP for Batley and Morley, who has been unwell, would certainly attend to vote for the Government, Lady Broughton

said.

Mr Raywond Fletcher,
Labour MP for I'keston, who
also suffered a heart attack,
said he was making good progress and would be at West-

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Labour only halfway through the job, Mr Callaghan says vote the Chancellor of the Ex- ferentials could be faced. "It is

Political Correspondent

Mr Collaghan was still un-certain last night whether he could find a basis for agree-ment with the minorities to allow the Government to continue in office, but he was still

Nationvide programme, he refused to disclose the offers he had made to the Ulster Unionists and the Liberais, but was emotion in his voice when he emphasized how much he would regret having to call a general election and put at risk the economic policies upon which the Government had embarked.

He thought that with the North Sea oil flowing in and the prospect of agreeing a third stage of the wages policy with the unions, allowing flexibility for the protection of differen-tials and the granting of incentives the economy was on the verge of recovery.

chequer would bring in a Budget: "I would want him to introduce a Budget to show people what can be done, given the present situation.

"Now, it is not all hair shirt. On the basis of the financial and economic policies we have followed, I can see a reduction in taxation. I see no reason why the Government, even if it is defeated tomorrow, on the basis of its past policy, should not bring that forward and say This is what we can do, if we are given the opportunity to do

"Yes, there will be, I trust, some rewards for middle management. Yes, there will be some recognition of the burden of taxation. Part of the cuts in public expenditure that we have made, at great pain and cost, will enable the Chancellor to do

Mr Healey was also talking about differentials with the unions in the context of the next wage round, telling them Whatever happened when the how he thought the difficulty hine in the national interest: win through if a considence motion went to the caused by the squeezing of dif-"I have said that consistently policy", he said.

essential that we ought to have made quite clear by those who what their policy will be on this", Mr Callaghan said.

He wanted to see the Gov-"because I take the view that we are only halfway through the job that we started on. Therefore, if I can find collaboration with any other parties in the House, then I am willing respect and their self-respect. I am not going to ask them to do anything that I would not do

myself.
Whether we can do it or not I am not quite sure. If we cannot, then there will have to be a general election, which in be a general election, which m many ways I would regret, nor because I am particularly frightened of general elections, that is when the people speak, but because I think our policies have not yet been tested."

Mr Callaghan wented to com-bine in the national interest:

"I have said that consistently

He agreed that the Labour Party was haunted by the memory of Ramsay MacDonald and it usually withdrew from the prospect of a coalition. But his left-wingers would know that much of the Labour programme had now been put

"We have embarked upon an economic policy that in my judgment gives us the best possible chance of emerging, Mr Callaghan said, as if fore-seeing a possible recoil by his own party, if he forms too close a lisison with the Liberals for example. Mr Callaghan said the Labour

Government had received tremendous votes of confidence" from other countries, including those who had given Britain finanicial backing "Internationally there is no doubt what people think about us and they believe we will win through if we stick to this

regard to these other issues." we really must stick at what we are doing. We can try other things, but in the past, so often during the last thirty years, we have got part-way through a policy then we have backed away from it and thrown away our chance.

"I tell you, with North Sea oil coming in, with the greater understanding that we have now got, this country has the best chance it has had: that is why I do not want to throw it away. Questioned about the possi-bility of the Government's not gatting agreement to phase three of the pay policy, Mr Callaghan said: "I do not think ir would be utterly disestrous. It would certainly set back our hopes on prices. I think this is essential for prices and to some extent for unemployment, but it

would be a very nasty setback." If the Conservatives came in and there was no income policy at all that would be a recipe for millions of unemployed and

'No danger from asbestos' to rail passengers

British Rail disclosed yester-day that 7,000 of its 17,500 passenger coaches are fitted with blue asbestos insulation, a potential source of lung cancer.

But unlike the drivers' and guards' compartments, on which modifications are to be made, the insulation on these coaches. all built before 1967, is sealed behind wall and calling panels, and "there is no danger what-Rail said yesterday.

The disclosure came after a call for an independent inquiry by the National Association of Rail Passengers.

In the drivers' and guards' compartments the insulation is much more liable to exposure by ducts and removable pass, and f7m is to be spent on re-moving or sealing it over the

Radio outposts The BBC is to open local radio stations on Orkney and Shetland on May 2.

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Prime Minister's magnificent matinée Mr Thorpe added: "It is no good to be consulted on the fact that the Government are

industrial democracy West German style. "real devolution of power for Scotland and Wales and taxstion powers", direct elections to the European Parliament, and a "a look at the voting system", that is, proportional representation. In other words, if the Labour Government wants to survive tonight on Liberal votes it must forswear socialism and turn to Liberalism. But that was not the end of the Liberal shopping list for power-sharing.

Mr Callaghan was also asked to commit himself to a formalized system of consultation between the Government and the Liberal MPs, much as the Government consults the TUC

Proposals to improve the safety of divers working on off-

safety of divers working on offshore oil operations were published by the EEC yesterday.

The Guidance notes for saje
diving are based on recommendations of the European
Diving Technology Committee,
for creating diving standards
acceptable to medical experts,
offshore servicing firms and
health and safety agencies.

The committee held the first
public discussion on its examination of diving practices in
London yesterday. Introducing
the committee's report Mr D. E.
Lennard, a former naval officer,
said more than 2,000 divers

said more than 2,000 divers were working at peak times off

the divers.

The diving practices examined

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

Safety code for divers

working on offshore rigs

were working at peak times out of the Canarron outliness the very supersonal times at the could be undiffied by commercial divers that were not always attributable to the divers on the divers of 1,500ft, the deepest of the divers on the wade in one nature and

the divers.

The diving practices examined for an industrial enterprise, by the committee, with repre- was being prepared off Brest.

going to nationalize three more major industries. No, there has got to be an indication that this Government will have the humility to realize that it is not the majority." not the majority."

While the wheeling and dealing went on, Mr Callaghan put on a magnificent matinée per-formance during: 15 minutes of Prime Minister's question time in the House of Commons. As he moved to the dispatch box the Labour rank and file cheered him to the echo, and ing eye over the opposition benches and comment that he had hoped it would be unani-

and the Confederation of If there were a deal with the British Industry; and those consultations would include about the Labour manifestas of economic policy and legislation.

1974? Well, the Prime Minis-

try and government, are divided into two parts. Shallow dives to 50 metres can be done

breathing natural air; at greater depths various mixtures

of helium and oxygen, or helium-oxygen and nitrogen, known as trimex, can be used

known as trimex, can be used. The types of gas systems and the way in which they should be used raises some of the greatest controversy in diving work. Dr P. Cabarrou, a former medical officer of a French naval diving team, described experiments starting in France to verify the safety of certain methods using trimex, which

methods using trimex, which are not recommended in the

report.
Dr Cabarrou outlined devel-

mon m reread the manifestos, and he gave his word that four fifths of them had been carried Later, Mr Callaghan assured the House that, after tonight's vote, "normal service will be

resumed pretty soon It was all designed to slow that, faced with a crucial division on a confidence motion, the Prime Minister had not a care in the world; and perhaps there was no better sign that he was hag-ridden with cares

and acting it up in the orly
possible way.

Nevertheless, Mr Callaghan's
parliamentary display of confidence helped to undermine the wildest backbench Conservative hopes. There is now a spreading sense that the Government can win tonight, Leading article, page 17 Letters, page 17

Seventeen are remanded on fraud charges

From Our Correspondent

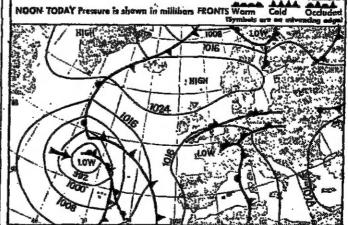
Fourteen people were charged with fraud after dawn raids led by Scotland Yard detectives. They were remanded on £500 bail each until May 18.

The offences are alleged to have been committed while the defendants were employed as agents for a central hearing company called Higheat Installations Ltd. The charges allege misrepresentations in commentation with applications for personal loans and relate to a period between 1972 and 1973. Further charges: Three more men were later charged with similar offences. They were: men were later changed with similar offences. They were: James Terrence Browne, aged 38, of Maida Vale, Londou; Christopher Snowden-Mitchell, aged 42, of Herne Bay, Kent; and David Michael Saunders, aged 38, of Great Brasted, Essex.

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They also were given bail of 1500 each and remanded until May 18.

Weather forecast and recordings



First quarter: March 27 First quarter: March 27
Lighting up: 7.49 pm to 6.25 am.
High water: London Bridge, 4.48
am, 7.3m (23.8tt); 5.7 pm, 7.2m
(23.6tt); Avonmouth, 10.20 am,
13.1m (43ft); 10.26 pm, 12.8m
(42.1tt); Dover, 1.50 am, 6.7m
(22ft); 2.5 pm, 6.5m (21.3ft),
Hull, 9.6 am, 7m (23ft); 9.13 pm,
7m (23ft). Liverpool, 2.3 am, 8.9m
(29.2ft); 2.16 pm, 9m (29.4ft).

A cloudy NE airstream covers
most parts of the British Isles with
troughs of low pressure moving
slowly over central districts.
Forecast for 6 am to midnight:

slowly over central districts.
Forecast for 6 am to midnight:
London, Rast Anglia, Central
S, SW England. E Midlands,
Chamel Islands. S Wales: Rather
cloudy, some brighter intervals,
occasional showers: wind N,
moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F).
SE England: Bright intervals.
occasional showers, perhaps
general rain later; wind NE,
moderate or fresh; max temp.
9°C (48°F).

W Midlands, E. Centra England: Mostly cle occasional rain or drizzle: NE, moderate or fresh temp 7°C (43°F). N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man. SW Scotland: Rather cloudy, bright intervals, occasional showers or rain, sleet or snow on some hills; wind NE, moderate or fresh; max temp 7°C (43°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow: Cloudy, hill and coast fog patrhes, occasional ruin, snow on some hills; wind NE, fresh; max temp 5°C (41°F). Central Highlands, Moray Firth:

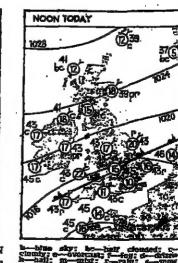
Mostly cloudy, bill fog. occasional rain or sleet; wind NE. fresh; max temp 4°C or 5°C (39°F. to 41°F). NE, NW Scotland. Argyll, N Ireland: Bright or sunny intervals, scattered showers, wintry on hills; wind NE, moderate or fresh; max temp 7°C (43°F).

Orkney, Shedand: Bright or sunny intervals, scattered showers; wind N or NE, moderate; max temp 7°C (41°F).

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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MODDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r,





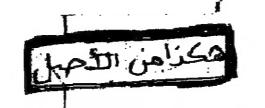
Friday: Generally rather cold and cloudy, especially in S and E. where longer outbreaks of rain are likely; parts of W will have some sunny intervals with night frost.
Sea passages: S North Sea,
Strait of Dover: Wind E, moderate or fresh, perhaps strong
later; sea mainly moderate.
English Channel (E): Wind, NE,
moderate; sea slight.
St George's Channel, Irish Sea:
Wind NE, moderate or fresh; sea
moderate; sea

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 7°C (45°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 5°C (41°F). Hamidity, 7 pm, 81 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, 0.05in. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm, nl. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,015.5 millibars, rising.

1,000 millibars=29.53in.





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By George Clark Political Correspondent

An appeal to the Government to adopt proportional representation for direct elections to the European Parliament in May-June, 1978, by the use of regional multi-member constituencies, was issued by an all-party group of MPs

They hoped to influence the course of talks going on between Mr Callaghan and the minority parties about the Govcrament's legislation pro-

The MPs are Mr John Mackintosh (Berwick and East Lothian, Lab), Mr Richard Wood (Bridlington, C), Mr Russell Johnston (Inverness, L), Mrs Margaret Bain (Dunbartonshire, East, Scot Nat), Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernaryon, Pl Cymru), and Sir Nigel Fisher (Kingston upon Thames, Surbi-

"We believe the impasse over direct elections to the European Parliament can be roken, the elections can be held on schedule and the result can be fair and sensible", they outd. "We believe there would be wide support in all parts of the House of Commons for a regional basis for the elections

They issued a map showing the S1 British seats in the Euro-tean Parliament distributed in

Home Counties, 14; South-west, 6; Wales, 4; west Midlands 7; east Midlands 5; East Anglia 3; North-west 9; Yorkshire 7; North 5; Scotland 8; and Northern Ireland, 3.

The English regions are the economic planning regions, except that the south-eastern planning region is divided into two Greater London and Home

"Using these constituencies would obviate the time-consuming and contentious process of drawing up 81 new constituen-cies for single member, first-past the post elections, the MPs say.

Regional multi-member constituencies, combined with any of several systems of voting would ensure that a party share of the seats in a region would be in close proportion to its share of the votes, the MPs say. Voting could be by:

X vote for a party with members selected from a regional party list. X yote for candidate and

party simultaneously. Single transferable vote. The MPs also point out that the regions correspond with the regional organization of the political parties, thus increasing the likelihood of an effective election sampaign, and a good turn-out.

Marriage rule changed . for immigrants

By a Staff Reporter Immigrant men will no long-er be able to settle in the liuited Kingdom by entering into marriages of convenience with United Kingdom nationals. Amendments to the immigration rules were laid before Parliament yesterday and came juto immediate force. They are designed to deal with what the Home Office regards as "an abuse on

The amendments provide that where a marriage overseas has recently been contracted the husband will no longer be granted settlement on arrival in this country but will be admitted for a period of up to 12 months before settlement is considered. That will apply also to marriages contracted in the United Kingdom.

There is to be specific power to refuse admission or settletwelvemonth period where the marriage is believed to be one

Tali Dassell

Pay code forbids increase in peers' expenses

Peers connot have their ex-penses increased for attending the House of Lords, because of the House of Lords, because of the pay policy. After the publi-cation resterday of a report by the review body on top salaries, recommending rises, the Govern-ment said peers staying in London overnight could have another £3 a day.

The review body had recommended that paers, who receive a maximum allowance of £13.50 a day, should be given a new maximum of £24.50 if they stayed overnight.

It also proposed to separate the allowance into four different parts: £11 for staying overnight, £6.50 for subsistence during the day, £4 for secretarial costs and a £3 maximum for postage and other costs. for postage and other costs.

Mr Foot, as Lord President
of the Council, said in a Com-

mons written reply vesterday cided to defer, until pay policy permits, detailed consideration Review Body on Top Salaries, Report No 9 (_tationery Office, 75p).

Ulst

From Chriber Walker Belfast

A new oversy is gather-ing momei in Northern Ire-land over question of religiously stated schooling, which majoliticians regard as one of main causes of continuing ence.

It begarrier this week

when a grof Roman Cathowhen a giot Roman Carno-lic and Prant mothers held what they ribed as a "pray-in" outsid Roman Catholic church ine normally un-troubled tof Newtownards.

The wo members of a pressure p. All Children Together, ere protesting against trefusal by the Roman Cap Bishop of Down and Counce Philbin, to constant exact hildren because firm sevenildren because they did attend Roman Catholic sis. Among taking part was Mrs ElizalBenton, a Roman

Catholic ewife from the predomina Protestant sea-side resorbangor. Her two sons wereong a group of about 15 cen from the dis" trict refuccifirmation be couse theynd state schools, which, in firided society of Ulster are ffect. Protestant

Tribul closes loophe in equally law

By Diana les A judge by the Employ-ment App Tribunal yesterday in tequal-pay cases closed a lole in the Equal Pay Act. Ill now be much more diffifor employers to get routibe Act by arguing that thriation in the pay of male attention in the pay

of male armale workers is historical haly.

The courding, which is binding oll industrial tribunals her similar cases, could affee pay and status



Patu, a polar bear cub born on Novenber 29 last year, with Mosa, his

three years ago became the first black chairman of the Greater London Council, now becomes the first immigrant to head a national race relations body. He has been appointed chairman of the Community Relations Commission for the remaining weeks of that body's existence.

Lord Pirt, who has been one of the commission's two deputy chairmen, replaces Mr Mark Eonham Carter, who has told the Home Secretary that he wishes to retire on March 31. Mr Booham Carter, who has

been working in race relations for 11 years, has made no secret of the fact that he was anxious to leave the commission for some time. He agreed to stay until this spring, how-ever, in the expectation that the e pay and status new Commission for Racial Equality would by then have w Report, page 9 | replaced both the Community

missioners on the new body have been appoined so far; the 11 others are expected to be named within th next week. There seems, therfore, little chance that the Rae Relations Act, 1976, under which the commission is being at up, will come fully into eject before

late May. "Mr David Lane chairmandesignate of the nw commission, said last night het it must win the consent and upport of the whole population it was to succeed. He told the community relations council t Bexley, Greater London, that Parliament had not intended the Race

Relations Act to pice minorities is a position of rivilege. The law was not means to confer special advatages on minorities but to helpo remove

tages from which many members of minority groups suf-fered. The commission and the local community relations councils had to convince the sceptics that equal rights meant equal rights for all, and that fair treatment for minorities would not involve unfair treatment for

Mr Booham Carter is to take up a full-time position as chair-man of the independent Outer Circle Policy Unit, a post he has held on a part-time basis since September, when the unit was set up with a £50,000

The unit, which at present consists of only Mr Bonham Carter, Mr James Coraford, former professor of politics at Edinburgh University, and an assistant, researches and prepares memoranda on matters of public policy, such as devolu-tion, the Official Secrets Act, some of the special disadvan- and income tax reform.

New networks planned in BBC radio changes

By Kenneth Gosling Scotland and Walewill have their own networks ider plans for changes to Bl Radio. "They will be a fat and not just a caption in Rad Times", Mr Ian McIntyre, ontroller,

Radio 4, said yestercy.
Radio 4 becomes national network on 1500m he wave at the end of next yeared will be in full competitionwith the

There has been critism that Scotland and Wales hie had to take the Radio 4 output from London with region opt-outs", which is one reson for the success of comercial channels. No timetable for therhanges

has been worked out at. Mr McIntyre, announcing lans for Radio 4 until the end of the year, said: "It is not asy for the national regions by it is something they are begining to work on." Under Mr McIntyre plans changes will be made a exist-

ing programmes and some new ones introduced. He ave a broad outline of his thining in an exclusive interview a The Times last December. He main theme is diversification, losely followed by competition.

"Competition is no bat thing

in broadcasting, both intenally and externally", he sail yes-terday. "This will mean com-

petition between the output de-partments for a place on the network; religious programmes will compete on terms of pro-fessional morit.

There will be less emphasis "chat" and more on coasidered, scripted contributions, good writing being the most important element. He also

intends to make more use of the BEC's correspondents. "I not just in news bulletins." The most important changes are in news and current affairs, with the 6 pm news extended to half an hour, a reduction in "sequence" broadcasting, with Today going out in two 25-minute sections, and more current affairs programmes.

Weekend programmes will be

Weekend programmes will be lighter, and include a magazine for the handicapped, another produced by the Woman's House and the woman's hour and the woman's hours and the woman's hour and the woman's hour and the woman's hours and heart and the woman's hours and heart and heart team and an omnibus edition of Kaleidoscope, the arts maga-

Some of the BBC's veteran radio programmes will be changed: Desert Island Discs gains five minutes to allow more music from the eight selected records, and The Archers moves to 7.5 pm on weekdays and its omnibus edition from Sunday morning to early evening. Any Questions?
will lose one of its two repeats
and Any Answers will lose its
single repeat.

Tory students hold key to **NUS** elections

By Judith Judd, of The Times Higher Education Supplement

Conservative students alnost certainly hold the key to text week's National Union of Students elections.

Although the Broad Left, the ruling group of Labour and Communist Party students, is stree to retain its hold on the union, Mr Charles Clarke, he retaing president, said yeserdoy that the Federation of Conservative Students would be an important force in the elections at the national conference. at the national conference.

He believed that Miss Susan Slipman, the Broad Left's canci-date for president and a menber of the Communist Party national executive, would have a hard fight against Mr Hugh Lanning the candidate of the ultra-left Socialist Students'

The votes of the Conservatives, who may have nearly 200 of the 800 conference delegates will be crucial because the vor-ing is by single transferable vote. The Conservatives' own candidate is Mr Steven Moon, of Birmingham University.

Aircrew will get their gratuities

Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence, announced in the Commons yesterday that retire-ment for short-term sircrew officers will be paid after all. Earlier this year the Government announced that it was to review a decision to commute into a pension, payable from thie age of 60, the Royal Navy and RAF aircrew have been promised at the end of their short-service engagements.

After criticism that the Ministry of Defence would be in breach of contract if it did not pay the gratuities, Mr Mulley said the 450 officers affected would have the option after April, 1978, to leave after eight or 12 years' service with tax-free gratuities: £4,155 and £5,000 respectively.

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Rabies precaution

Mr. Joseph Titmuss, of Royal Oak Lane, Pirton, Hertfordshire, who was attacked by a pack of dogs in Egypt, is undergoing treatment at home as a precaution against rables.

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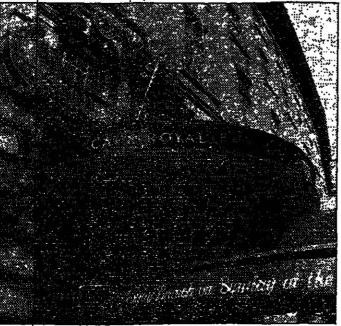
This ultra-mode hotel on the sensational island of Jamaica has on its seventeent floor a lively restaurant called The Talk of the Town. There a spectacular views of the Blue Mountains, Kingston, and the secand the cuisine is international with a



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TRUST HOUSES FORTE UR2

Competition urged to end monopoly on conveyancing

The high-priced manopoly enjoyed by solicitors who pracenjoyed by solicitors who practice conveyancing law should be ended, the Consumers' association east in evidence to the Royal Commission on Legal evidence, The evidence, published today, is based on research conved out by Which?

magazine.
The association says only serious outside competition is likely to move the profession from its "entrenched complazory". Conveyancing in England and Wales, it says, is often too expensive, too slow, no complicated and unduly formalized.

The association believes that solicitors should be allowed to dvertise to increase competition, encourage consumers to "shop around" for legal serv-ices, and offset the worst criticisms of conveyencing, Solici-tors should volunteer an esti-mate of probable cost Consumers should be encour-

aged to handle their own legal But the association concedes that some control would be reeded over those permitted to do conveyancing work, since funds must be safeguarded. In suggesting an end to the con-veyancing monopoly the asso-clation does not envisage a "free for all".

Landlords 'sell about 100,000. bullying houses a year'

About 100,000 houses a year are changing hands from private landfords to owner-occupiers. Mr Leonard Williams, chief mineral manager of the Nationwide Building Society, told the annual meeting of the National Home Improvement Council visited as Council yesterday.

Losas for home improvement last year were estimated at £150m, representing about 2250m, representing about 200,000 loans, against 79,000 in

The associon says a person wanting to ill his house without a solicir should be able to buy thenecessary contract forms. The fact that only solicitors in now buy the standard for of contract protects solicies against competition "and against the public interest."

The assolution suggests that a new bod, a house transfer organizatio should be formed. For a fee, it would take care on the cosmer's behalf of every aspet of house purchase and sale, aking on the role fulfilled apresent by solicitors, estate aghts, surveyors and even the bilding societies and furniture emovers ".

The aspiration points out that, in site of reservations it cited, mos people seemed satis-fied with their solicitors over conveyance. They were less satisfied, however, over per-

sonal injey claims. A breadown in communica-tions seeled to be the cause of the most consistent source of the most consistent source of complain Consumers apparently fell they were not kept properly informed about the progress of their cases and the increasin costs. Knowing what to expet would allay many people's worries, the evidence

Evidence from the Consumers Associatin (Part I) to the Royal Commisson on Legal Services (from the association, 14 Bucking-bam Stret, London, WC2N 6DS).

Police investigate

attacks on pupil The police are investigating an outbreak of bullying at Wombvell High School, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, in which a girl aged 13 has suffered a broker toe and has had her

face and legs cut by pins. Yesterday the girl was in bed at her home after receiving hospital treatment over the week end. A senior police officer has appealed to the school's 1,400 pupils for help in finding the culputs.

ok turns its attention to provincial services

Better train services, with more comfortable rolling snck, are planned between provincial towns and cities by Bratish Rail. The changes are the rail board's first steps to meet criticisms that it has concentrated too much on redial routes from London and allowed important cross-country mores to be operated by slow, unpunctual and uncomfortable trains.

Mr Peter Keen, British Rail's chief passenger manager, said yesterday that the improveyesternay man the amproved ments were part of an overall strategy that would include the introduction of high-speed trains on some provincial

In Scotland, where off-shore oil is generating more rail traffic, new two-hourly services between Glasgow and Aberdeen and Edinburgh and Aberdeen will provide an hourly service along the "oil coast" from Dundee to Aberdeen Many towns in central Scotland will have better rail links with Edinburgh and Glasgow.
Other routes to be improved

nclude: Nottingham—Glasgow: two Northgham—Glesgow: Two
extra trains a day, also serving
Sheffield, Leeds and Carlisle.
Norwich—Birmingham: more
comfortable rolling shock, with
cuts of up to 30 minutes
Bournemough and London—
Oxford and Birmingham: morn

ing and evening trains rerouted to give direct service to Coventry and the international exhibition centre. London-Exercit, Plymouth

and Penzance: more air-con-dicioned coaches, with cuts of up to 10 minutes in journey times.

British Rail's new timetable, which comes into effect in May, also increases the manber of high-speed trains on the Lon-don, Bristol and South Wales route from 46 to 82 on week-days. The fastest trains will cover the 118 miles from London to Bristol Temple Meads in 1hr 32min, 15min less than when the 125mph trains were introduced less October.

British Rall Timetable, 1977-78,
on sale shortly, £1.60.



Travel interchange: A £16m travel interchange, blinging Bradford's bus, coach, and rai terminals under one roof, which will open in the city on Sunday. It colers 84 acres and will be run by the West Yorkshire Passeuger Transpor Executive. It was commissioned by the former city council and designed by British Rail. Mr Robin Ward, director-general of the transport executive, said: "The

helping to raise standards."

accommodate 200 double-deck bus tenants.

concentration of services should me and will house vehicle-washing and things easier for operations, wh refuelling equipment. Maintenance and testing workshops adjoin. Car The object is to simplify passent parks and a taxi park are included. movements between the British R An eight-storey office block, which is terminals six bus departure platfor to be known as Metrochange House, and a coach park. A licensed b after Metro Bradford, the name of the cafeteria, a newsagent's shop and of transport executive's bus services, services are being provided. An und provides office accommodation, much ground garage beneath the centre c of which will be let to commercial

Invalid tricycles 'failing to | Mentalospital alert siren meet British standards'

By Our Social Bervices Correspondent

Failure to net British, not EEC, safety reulations is the reason why the invalid tricycle is being phase out, according to Mr Morris, Under-Secretary of State for the Disabled.

In a letter to Mr Jeffrey Rooker, Labor MP for Bir-mingham, Pery Barr, Mr Morris says th regulations are designed not i comply reluctionally with other people's but to promote the afety of every vehicle user. Government d deceiving dis-

abled drivers over the reasons for withdrawing the invalid tricycle in that the EEC safety regulations refer only to four-wheel cars. Mr Morris said Britain's regulations exceeded the strict terms of the European directions

Mr Rooker dismissed the response yesterday on the ground that British regulations ground that brinsu regulations introduced last year did exempt invalid tricycles from some EEC safety standards, including those on door latches. hinges, protective steering and anti-theft devices, but not on

'in neeof improvements'

agreed yesterday a warning siren at Scotlandip-security state mental hal where three men were mired in an escape last Nover, was in need of improvers.

Miss Mary Macald, assistant secretary an Scottish Home and Healthpartment and chairman of management committee Carstairs Hospital, Strathc, said at the inquiry in Lz into the incident that thommifree accepted that toyements were necessary aft emerged

Two men who escaped on November 30 killed a male nurse, a patient and a police-man. They have been sentenced to life imprisonment with a recommendation that that should mean for the rest of their lives. The inquiry was ordered by Mr Millan, Secre-tary of State for Scotland.

Miss Macdonald said that consultants at the hospital had no formal training in security but were expected to be award The inquiry was adjourned.

Judge seeks inquiry into breath-test 'loophole'

From Our Correspondent Southampton

A judge yesterday asked the Home Office to investigate a possible loophole in the law which may allow drunken motorists to continue driving after they have passed a breath

The request by Judge Macdonald came at Southampton Crown Court after a jury had found Chief Perty Officer Robert Emberley, aged 36, not guilty of driving while unfit through drink or drugs in Southampton last December. The court was told that CPO Emberley, of Plassey Close, Dorchester, was stopped by police officers who saw his mini car weaving about in Southampton. His breath smelt of drink and he was given a test, which

negative. The officers thought he was still unfit to drive and he was taken to a police station where, 37 minutes later, he was given a second test, which also proved

Although he passed tests of placing his finger on his nose and walking down a line, Dr Michael Bridger, a police surgeon, came to the conclusion was not fit to be in control

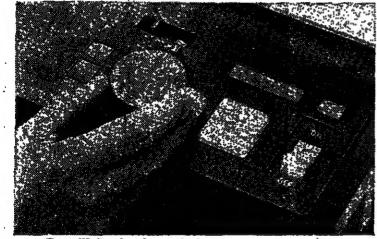
He told the judge: "I think the told the ludge. I think the breathalyser test is inaccur-ate. I think it should be used purely as a guide as to whether blood should be taken."

At the end of the case Judge Macdonald said: "I think it is an important matter to be in-vestigated in the interests of the administration of justice because, if Dr Bridger's opinion is true, it may be there the police may be letting many people go on the roads when they should not be."

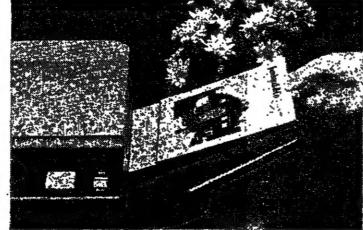
Our Motoring Correspondent writes: The Home Office said yesterday that it would be willing to study any submissions arising out of the case. It pointed out that it was already evaluating alternative breathtest equipment after criticisms by the Blennerhassett com-

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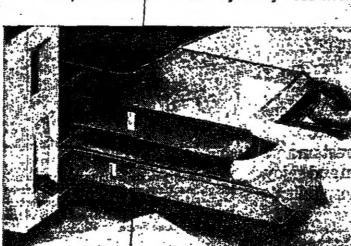
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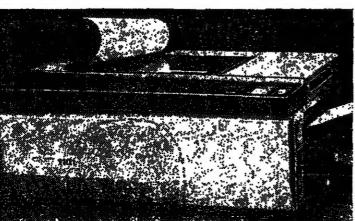
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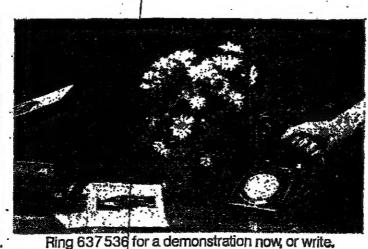
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Decline quality of recruits to industry is at crical stage, steel chief says

From Tim Devlin Education Correspont

The decline in quality of new recruits to ustry has reached a criticatage, Mr Peter Allen, mane director of the Welsh dim of the British Steel Corgion, said yesterday at the day con-ference on education Cardiff.

Industry is be progres-sively starved of acately able recruits, he said earch by the Confederation British Industry and their and Guilds of Lond Institute proportion of agants for craft apprentices whose apprentices whose literary and numal skills were too low form to be

The research shd that 86 per cent of apants had failed the arithm test in 1974, compared will per cent in 1966, and that per cent had inadequate lity in 1974, compared with 26r cent in

Mr Fred Adams rector of education for Soutlamorgan, said opportunities, higher education had re than

Higher-quality recruits were no longer applying to enter industry but were staying on at school to take A levels. Earlier, Mr Z. Brierly, of the CBI, told the two hundred dele-gates that children should not

be ellowed to leave school before passing a basic examina-tion in literacy and numeracy. Mr. Raymond Hemington, of the Assistant Masters' Associa-tion, argued for a national certificate of lieracy to be intro-duced with a reward of £20 for everyone who passed it.

One of the biggest difficult

service is the promotion of the Welsh language in schools. A recent survey by the Welsh Office showed that only a tenth of primary school child-ren can speak Welsh and many are dropping the subject later

Mr Eric Evans, director of the National Welsh Language Unit, told the 200 delegates at the conference: "If we do not succeed in less than 10 years in establishing a successful system of bilingual education we shall have lost the language battle."

Mr. Cliva Brooke, Headmanner.

of Radyr Compcehensive School, Cardiff, said the curriculum in Welsh schools would be better balanced if there were not strong cultural reasons for teaching Welsh. Two foreign languages were

necessary for all children. "More time devoted to one language would be have profitable and this would seem the urgent obvious reform if we are to balt the flight from both Welsh and French at the afe of 13 or 14."

There were complaints about the lack of transaltion facilities at the conference. Mr lorwerth Ashrawon Cynnu, the Welsh teachers union, said: "I find it quite astounding that on a major debate of education in Wales we have no facility to say a word in our first language.

It is a slight on 1,500 years of extant literature."

Other speakers complained that the agenda for the Welsh conference was the same as that for the seven English conferences and that although the conference lasted two hours longer there was no time specifically for debating Welsh language teaching. Mr Clive Brooks, Headmaster

Etoniandiscouraged from youth wrk by violence

social work with 1g people because they of become communal punches. The latest issue of the tool magazine, The Etochronicle, reports that Etoni tend instead to volunteer old peo-ple's welfare.

The magazine, whi is produced by the boysscribes a weekend that fo Etonians spent with boys eled from a London cychensive school. "It taught far more about race and age ten-sions in London tlany article or documentarim could

"The sheer assion of

Boys at Eton areing dis- that none of us had any idea couraged from volvering for who the best fighter in the school was. Scenes of football violence at the Chelsea Shed shown on television prompted identification of all their friends and regrets at missing

some action.

"The main topic of conversation when going round Windsor Safari Park was exactly how the animals would be

now the animals would be mained.

"Ultimately what drove us to get out while we could was their continual physical artacks on us, sometimes very painfully successful. We were the ones who benefited most from the experience. Our lack of physical response in the face of aggression was probably these kids was wioffended our bourgeois libe sensibilities most. They v amazed pay."

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Mr Frank Tumbhairman of the South of Stnd Electricity Board, w serves 1,200,000 consume between the Solway and thay, said yesterday that the charges, had been accepted the Price Commission. These was attributed to his capital charges and inflatic

Mr Tombs said as in the board's area woule almost

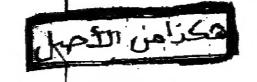
board's area woule almost 10 per cent lowthan in England and Wales was expected that the famble position would continue the

The board believes that nuclear power will make an even greater contribution in future towards stabilizing elec-tricity prices. Mr Tombs said the board expected to order another nucleur-powered station in a year, one of two units of 660 megawatts each which would probably be sited at Torness in East Lothian.

If approval was given within six months the first unit would probably be commissioned in 1985 and a second unit in 1986-37.

Increase of 11 per cent; Electricity prices for the 500,000 consumers in the north of Scotland are to go up by an average of about 11 per cent. The North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board and protections. Electric Board said yesterday that the increase will appear in bills from July. The weekly increase for an average domestic consumer will be 22p.

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Sale of council homes to tenants and more mobility of labour advocated to aid the North

From John Chartres

The sale of council houses to tenants and the relaxation of legal authorities' allocation roles are advocated in the latest plan for increasing the prosin its final report after two and a half years' work the Northern Region Strategy Team emphasizes the need for in-creased mobility of labour as

The coam believes that by the 1980s the total housing stock in most parts of Northumberland, Durcham Country, and the coam of Durham, Cumbria, Tyne and Wear, and Cleveland will be in balance with the number of families wanting homes.

It says local authorities should year.

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All local authorities and other hands are hearth. give council tenants the chance to buy their homes. They should also substantially reduce the rate of new house building, to release financial resources for the creation of new industry

It also suggests relaxations in local authorities' criteria of local residence for admission council house walting lists; and the establishment of a regionwide exchange bureau to help council tenants wanting to exchange accommodation people in other areas.

region where a high proportion of housing authorities are Labour-controlled, would obviously be controversial, according to Mr Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction, who took the chair at a conference to lainch the

report in Durham yesterday.

Mr Freeson, who is having to cut his visit short because of today's events at Westminster, added that he had always opposed any indiscriminate policy on council house reased mobility or layout as minster, added that ne naurage region's high unemployment always opposed any indiscriminates down to the national are policy on council house sales. "To argue that one should make it a more sales." To argue that one should cither sell none at all or sell them all is nonsense, he said.

On that point, as on more than a hundred other recommendations in the report, Mr Freeson said he hoped that there would be a "government response" by the end of the

interested budies in the North now have the opportunity to comment on the final report, which is in five volumes.

Another important recommendation in the report is for a clarge in the present every

change in the present system paying government subsidies new industries moving into the special development areas covering large stretches of Durham, Cumbris, Northumber-

special employment premium' of about £1,500 for each new manufacturing job crewed in the region's worst affected

The cost could be partly off.

Set by eliminating the small differential in the rate of regional development grant payable in "special development areas" compared with that pay able in the slightly less deprived development areas, the ream

Mr Nicholas Segal, director of the team, estimated rester-day that the total extra cost of such a plan would be about 16m

such a plan would be about £6m a year.

His team predicts that its policies could create about eight thousand extra jobs by like 1980s and that the joral regionally relevant public expenditure in the North by 1985-86 would be about £2,560m at 1975 prices. That would be equal to the expenditure expected this year and next and less than that of 1975-76. that of 1975-76.

The ream's eventual sim is to make the North self-sufficient. make the Norm sen-surnicent.
But several leading political
figures at yesterday's conference were anxious that central government assistance should not be withdrawn too

The team suggests the intro-duction of a new type of report only).

Strategic Plan for the Northern Region (Stationery Office, £17 for five volumes; £3.50 for main report only).

Bogus business Man pretended wife he had got £18,000 goods, court told

A man who set up a bogus business with a £15 bank account obtained goods worth £18,000 from large companies it was stated at Winchester or was stated at windowster Crown Court vesterday.

Alan Brookes, aged 47, of Pool Road, Leicester, who pleaded guilty to obtaining by

deception, burglary and being equipped for theft and asked for 24 similar offences to be considered, was jailed for seven

Judge Starforth Hill, OC, commented: "Some companies must want their heads tested, accepting cheques from a man in an upstairs room with no

Cashier to appeal Junes Montellier, a Sobo hookshop cashier, of Crewdson Road, Stockwell, London, was sentenced at Marlborough breet Magistrates Court yesterday to two months' imprisonment for having obscene maga-zines for gain. He was freed on

bail pending an appeal.

killed was alive, court told

was well, it was stated at St well.
Albans Crown Court, Hertford. Th

they had lived for the 18 years of their marriage, the court

was told.
Ronald Chambers, aged 51,
of Eaves Street, Blackpool,
pleaded not guilty to mudering his wife, Mavis, in 1971.

Mr Petre Crowder, QC, for the prosecution, said: "This is the story of a man who came back one night and for some reason killed his wife with two stab wounds in the chest. Hav-ing killed her, he dug a shallow grave in the garden of the

the bungalow and the greater part of its contents, and left

t Albans ters, which were sent in 1972. For years after a man had 1973 and 1974 to her sister, murdered his wife he sent her Mrs Brenda Dickinson, Mr sister letters and Christmas Chambers had written to give them both and saying that all still alive and everything was

The court was told that Mrs Dickinson, of Mangrove Road, Luton, went to the police after shire, yesterday.

In fact her body was lying in a shallow grave in the gerden of the bungalow where sister's whereabouts. The police searched the house and garden of the couple's former home in West Hill Road, Luton, and the body was disco-vered by two highly trained Alsatian dogs.

Mr Crowder said the couple married in 1953 but had no

The hearing was adjourned.

Woman, 84, murdered Miss Margaret Moore, aged 84, was found stabbed to death "Shortly afterwards he sold in her basement flat in Ellington Read, Ramsgate, on Mon-day night. The police believe the motive was robbery.

BBC pays damages for holiday criticism

Cosmos Air Holidays accepted several thousands of pounds" damages and costs yesterday in sentlement of a High Court libel action against the BBC over a Mattonwide television pro-gramme which ridiculed a package moliday in Majorca.

purceye unloay in Majorca.

"Ciricism about the holiday was accompanied by the theme usual from the Colditz relessation series. Mr. Justice Melford Stevenson was told. The company sned the BBC, Michael Bunce, who edited the 1975 programme, and Valerie Singleton and Richard Stilgoe, two reporters

and Richard Stilgoe, two reporters

Mr. Richard Hartley, OC, for Cosmos, said nearly half a million people travelled abroad each year through Cosmos, The programme purponted to where reewers against pitfalls in chaosing an honel and resort from a brochure. The Cosmos 1975 summer brochure was given particular prominence.

One of the hotels selected for criticism and redictile was the criticism and ridicule was the Torre Arenal et Arenal, Playa de Palma, Majorca.

The reporters made no com-plaint about the hotel's comfort or carering, but were scathing about its location and amenities, which mey said were completely different from the descriptions given. They said the hotel was situated in the centre of a slum learance area where children might be run over or struck on the head by falling tiles.

Mr Hartley said Cosmos had prided itself on giving clients excellent value for money and for paying particular entention to the choice of hotels and resorts. Quite apart from the unjustified criticisms of the hotel and its amenities the com-pany particularly resented the inference that it was guilty of offences under the Trade offences under Descriptions Act

The defendants now accepted that their criticisms were unjustified and unfair and had agreed to pay appropriate damages and costs.

Mr. John Previté, for the defendants, said they regretted that the unwarranted suggestions were ever made and apologized for the embarrassiment expressions.

ment caused.

The judge agreed to the record of the sculon being with-

Allegations of profiteering by

butchers were dismissed yester-

day by Mr George Howard.

chairman of the Mear and Live-

stock Commission. "Increases in retail prices are very much-in line with the higher prices

By Hugh Clayton

Budget preview 3: Increased strain on the Inland Revenue Tax-structure changes that would save staff

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By Neville Hodgkinson

Social Policy Correspondent rise in line with inflated wages and salaries has greatly increased the strains on the tax collection and social security them positively as benefit The systems.

Thousands more tax staff have bad to be employed to handle the new cases entering the system and to deal with a trebling of the number of taxpayers pushed by inflation from the standard rate to higher levels.

The fact that growing numbers of people on low incomes have been paying taxes that take them below the official poverty line has also meant increased numbers qua-lifying for benefit, and greater hostility towards those depending entirely for their income on social security.

A much-discussed scheme for taking care of the tax-benefit overlap, simplifying the sys-tem, relieving millions from the need to claim supplemen-tary benefit, and cutting staff, is the tax-credit system, pro-posed in 1972 by the former

The scheme, which was dropped by Labour, entailedsetting tax credits against tax due, and to the extent that they were not used up, paying

cost, worked out on the basis.

that no one should lose because of the change, was estimated then at £1,300m. Today, with the tax-benefits collision greatly intensified, and with one in 12 of the popwholly on means-tested supple-mentary benefits mentary benefits, the cost

on tax-credit principles is promised by the Conservatives if they are returned to power.
Another strategy of reform
which the Iuland Revenue is
studying, and which the Chan-

Conservative government in a ought to be paying and notifies ing by this time a simple mat-green paper. his employer himself, rather ter for most, would produce than leaving it to the taxman. Child allowances are on

their way out, to be replaced by cash payments under the child benefit scheme, and the Government has said it intends to take life insurance relief off tax returns in a measure expected to be implemented in

1979.
Instead, the insurance com-panies will be required to col-lect premiums net of the relief, and claim the difference themselves from the Inland Revenue.

would be £5,000m.

That would seem to rule out might be simplified by restrict the scheme for the present, although an overhaul of the lax and social security system on tax-credit principles is rates, or it could disappear in whatever its present form in whatever its present form, in whatever arrangements follow the arrangements follow the present housing policy review.

Minor personal allowances such as those for a house

cellor may have in mind as a keeper or dependent relative long-term prospect, is to simmight be abolished, perhaps plify the tax structure radiation with general relief sufficient cally, with the object of intro-cover them provided by a raisducing a system of self-coding.

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Those changes alone would

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turther large savings.

The system of cumulative taxation, by which each week's tax is adjusted to each week's income, might also come to be regarded as an unnecessarily costly luxury.

It could be replaced with a non-cumulative system such as the United States uses, involving self-assessment. The taxpayer could go through the year with a single hypothesis as to his level of earnings, and work out for himself whether there is any surplus or debt to be cleared up at the end.

Simplification of the tax sy: tem, and the return to the individual of direct responsibility for his tax affairs, might bring an important invisible cutting administrative costs

Because of greater public awareness it could help to ensure that future Chancellors would find it far more difficult to let income tax receipts and public spending rise disproportionately high during a period of inflation.

Call for law changes to give subnormal offenders more relevant treatment

From Our Correspondent

Changes in the way the law treats the mentally retarded were called for yesterday. Mr. Brian Campbell, a probation comes the "dumping ground" officer at Stoke-on-Trent, made a plea for "relevant treatment" for the subnormal.

Speaking at a conference at

York University organized by the British Association for the Retarded, he referred to the recent case of a retarded man in his forties who set fire to-rubbish because he thought it was a health hazard. When he appeared at the Crown Court, charged with arson, the judge had the alternative of sending him to a probation hostel or sentencing him to life imprisonment. No hostel place was available and the man is

deal with the retarded within home.

the present system of criminal

for the retarded, he continued. If children who break the law can be protected against prosecution because of their mental capacity, the retarded, whatever their ages, should be whatever their ages, should be given similar consideration. Otherwise subnormal people might be trapped on a penal ladder from which there is no escape. Sometimes they might

An appeal against sentence had been lodged on behalf of the man who burnt the rubbish. Mr Campbell said: "Our was available and the man is now was that this man was not a danger to the public, and with help and guidance from us over an indefinite period that faces those who have to deal with the restricted with the

become the victims of sadistic

prisoners.

Butchers are not profiteering, livestock chairman says

that butchers have had to pay", English lamb had risen by less

that butchers have had to pay", he said in London.

"I dislike very much hearing one sector of the industry accusing the other of profiteering."

It was simply not true that butchers had made excess profits at the expense of live stock furmers. The price of other foods."

English lamb had risen by less than a fifth in a year, while the price of sheep had increased by half.

"It is said that meat has become a luxury article. Taking the short term, mear prices have risen more slowly than those of other foods."

the view that because we could not guarantee that the man would not commit a similar offence again he should not be among the community. But how

can anyone guarantee a per-son's future actions?"

Earlier, the conference, attended by social workers, police officers and representatives of the courts and the medical profession, had heard a lecture by Det Constable Stanley Hewitt of Staffordshire police, who called for more training for the police to help them to identify and be of more help to the retarded.

Policemen should know how to handle such problems and I would welcome action like that on the Continent, where the police in several countries are introduced to the retarded, drug addicts and alcoholics to seek a better understanding of their diffi-

port trade in meat and live-

first it might affect shop prices

farmers and consumers.

come a luxury article. Taking at home. Eventually it would the short term, mean prices have create a wider market for risen more slowly than those of British livestock and benefit

Allowances to be extended to 300 foster-children

The attendance allowance is to be extended to an estimated to be extended to an estimated 300 handicapped children in foster-care. The extra cost will be about £200,000 a year.

The Government's move, announced in a written replacement with the March Mouris Hodge.

announced in a written reply by Mr Alfred Morris, Under-Secretary of State for the Disabled, fulfils a pledge given to the all-party disablement group earlier this year. Mr John Hannam, Conservative MP for Exeter, and Mr Lewis Carter-Jones, Labour MP for Eccles, then agreed to withdraw a private member's Bill to extend the attendance allowance to fostered handicapped children. fostered handicapped children, when the Government promised regulations to give effect

to their proposals. The regulations will be ingro-duced shortly and Mr Morris has promised that the allowances will start being paid no later than September 1. Attendance allowances, worth £12.20 a week for handicapped people needing attendance night and day, and £8.15 for others, are not subject to tax or counted

in most means tests.

MPs who urged the extension were concerned that some handicapped children were being treated differently from others and that some potential foster-parents might be deterred from taking a handicapped child needing close attention if the allowance was decided as them.



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Normal service will be resumed pretty soon

House of Commons

Mr Callagham the Prime Minister, was accorded loud and prolonged Labour cheers at the beginning and end of his customary 15 minutes of question time during which he was cross-examined by Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, also loudly cheered by Conservative MPs, on whether he still stood by Labour's 1974 manifesto. At one stage Mr Callaghan commented he thought normal service would be resumed pretty soon.

Prime Minister rose to When the Prime Manuster rose to answer his first question, the loud Labour cheers delayed the reply and smiling Conservative Mira waved order papers at the Liberals in their midst, to persuade them.

hoping that it might have been unanimous. (Laughter.) Mr Peter Rost (South-East Deroy-shire, C) had asked when the Prime Minister last made a minis-

Mr Callaghan referred bim to a previous reply and Mr Rost said— Is the Prime Minister sure that he can handle tonight's televison in terview on his own, or will he be picking one leader of another party to go along with him and hold his Mr Callaghan—I am grateful to Mr Rost for giving me the opportunity to intimate that I hope the whole House will watch the excellent

broadcast on Nationwide at 6.20 who permitted themselves the just modesty forbids me to say who but modesty forbids me to say who permitted themselves the justice motion on the devolution Bill? is taking part.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C) rose to Conservative cheers and a few shouts of "Resign" from Labour MPs.

She said—In his several broadcasts as Prime Minister, Mr Callaghan has laid great stress on the Labour Party programme. Does he still stand by the Labour 1974 manifesto? (Conservative cheers.)

Mr. Callaghan—I am grateful for ifesto? (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—I am grateful for the inquiry because it gives me the opportunity to intimate to the House, as I recently had to review it, that I am glad to say that about four-fifths of the manifesto has already been carried out—(Labour-cheers)—and I am confident that we shall be able to complete the rest with the assistance of all parts of the House.

Mrs Thatcher—Did the Labour

Mrs Thatcher—Did the Labour Party, when they drew it up, anticipate a very short peria-Mr Callaghan—No. We knew the celerity with which Labour MPs would work and the desire of the Opposition to assist. Therefore, we were clear we would be able to get it done in a reasonable period of time.

I am very grateful to the Opinsition for all the assistance they given us. (Labour laughter.). Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, Scot Nat)—If the next broadcast by the Prime Minister has to be a farewell performance on behalf of by the Frime minister has to be a farewell performance on behalf of the Government, will be make clear to his party, that the main gravediggers were the Labour MPs

Mr. Hugh Fraser (Stafford and that the temporary employment the featers of the stockidy has beinged more people in this problem and do about kt, espection—54,000 in all—and that the to young people.

monon on the devolution Bill?
Mr. Callaghan.—There is no doubt
that it has meant the separation of
the ways between the SNP and
Plaid Cymru and my party, but I
have still some hope one day of
coaxing Mr Stewart back into supporting us again.

Mr Callaghan later answered ques-tions about the subjects which he-proposed to discuss at his next meeting with the TUC. meeting with the TUC.

Mr. Alex Fletcher (Edinburgh, North, C)—Will the Prime Minister remind trade union leaders that it is the British people and not the TUC who will decide which Government they will deal with after next month's election? (Conservative cheers and Labour interruptions.)

Will he remind the general secretaries of the NUM and of the Post Office Workers' Union that provided they and their colleagues act in the best interests of the people, they have nothing to fear from a Conservative Government?

Conservative (Labour laughter.) Mr Callaghan—The trade unions, like other bodies, have long mem-ories and when Mr Fletcher says they have nothing to fear from a Conservative Government that may well be true. But as Aneurin Bevan said: "Why peer into the crystal ball when you can read the book?" They remember the Industrial Relations Act. (Labour cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—The Government's position throughout the whole of position involution; the water to phase Two of the incomes policy has been that the next phase must take into account the great pres-sures placed upon skill and dif-ferentials as a result of the flat tate increase and the small percen-tage increase. rate increase.

That is Government policy. It is being discussed with the TUC during the talks to get agreement for

ing the takes to get agreement for another phase.

What I would be interested in, and I am sure the House would furcriain circumstances—and the whole country in even more difficult circumstances—is whether the Opposition would seek to get such an agreement or not, (Labour cheers.)

Coine, Lab).—Would be explain to the people of the North-west the valuable aid they have received from this Labous Government and the fact that the temporary employment subsidy has enabled more firms to survive and that the textile industry under the new multifibre arrangement would have a valuable and viable economic future? future? Would be explain to them that all this would be thrown away if the Opposition came to power? (Labour cheers and Conservative interruptions.) Mr Callaghan-Yes, it is the case

We are not satisfied with the operation of the multifibre agreement which has to be renegotiated internationally. We would want to see some changes in it. As regards what would happen in a certain unlikely event, I can assure Mr Hoyle that I do not think he need have any fears about that I dish normal service will be resumed pretty soon. (Labour cheers.)

cheers.)
Mr James Prior, chief Opposition
spokesman on employment
(Lowestoft, C)—Would the Prime
Minister like to take with him
when he goes to Preston, where I
hope he will go, the former Prime
Minister (Sir Harold Wilson) so Minister (Sir Harold Wilson) so that they can both explain on a platform in Preston the speech which the former Prime Minister made at Preston in the last general election? He said that to have one million unemployed in this country was quite intolerable to a Labour Government. Now the total is nearly 1,400,000. Mr Callaghan—Yes. I do not com-plain that Mr Prior keeps at this particular point because it should be, and is, of concern to the House

and country. But it is wider than that. It is of concern to the west-ern world, as he knows. that. It is of concern to the western world, as he knows.

When the Downing Street summit takes place in a month's time I
hope to direct the attention of all
the leaders of the free world to
this problem and see what we can
do about it, especially in relation

The street in the street in the outcome
of these negotiations, the conduct
of them is for the Foreign Secre-

Sale of arms paying for cost of BAOR

in foreign exchange terms the money spent on the British Army of the Rhine and in other ways, Mr Frederick Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence, said in denying a suggestion that Britain had spent as much on overseas communeuts as it had borrowed from the IMF. the armed Services on the assi remitted home, and does it make any allowance for any import con-tent of people's expenditure when they are in the United Kingdom? Mr Molley—It is a forecast of actual expenditure in foreign currency based on exchange rates in October 1976. It is less than the total budgetary cost of £699m because part of the cost of pay and most of the cost of weapons would be paid in sterling and not Deutschmarks. as it had borrowed from the indi-Mr. Gwilym Roberts (Canneck, Lab) had asked for the latest figures available for the balance of payment costs of British forces in Germany and what progress had been made to obtain adequate arrangements to offset the cost.

Mr Molley—The foreign exchange costs of British forces in Germany for 1977-78 is estimated at £514m. Mr Ron Thomas (Bristol, North-West, Lab)—World Mr Mulley agree that the cost of our military commitments overseas amounted to almost £1,000m over the past three years? The total we have paid out in military expenditure overseas is equal to the emount we had to borrow from the IMF. Is it not time we made considerable As for the second part of the question, I have nothing to add to the Prime Minister's statement on January 25 last. January 25 last.

Mr Roberts—Would he not agree that the delay by the German Government in this matter is deplorable? Does he not feel the time has come to give the German Government a date by which we would expect a satisfactory agreement and indicating clearly that we will amounce a systematic withdrawal of troops unless we can get not time we made considerabl Mr Mulley-No. I cannot agree

drawal of troops unless we can get to mind, but they are much less than the sums we have had to borrow. It is less than £1,000m. The sales of arms and equipment have roughly equalled in foreign exchange terms the amount we have expended on the Rhine Army and in other ways.

New field

operation on

Rear Adm Morgan-Giles (Winchester, C) Continuing the debate on defence, said that black Africa was coming under Soviet domination at an alarming rate. A major diplomatic effort was needed to explain to black African states that their new-found freedom and independence was at risk from Soviet imperialism and that their freedom and economic prosperity depended upon the unfettered use of the sea routes around the continent of Africa.

Africa.

The Government should stop immediately any subsidies or financial aid to African countries which supplied, armed, trained or harboured guerrillas.

Mr Philip Goodhart (Bromley, Beckbenham, C) said he had heard in the course of the last fortnight of momerous examples of the way in which the Army was running down. He had heard of exercises planned weeks ahead camediat two days before because of a lack of

planned weeks ahead carriened two days before because of a lack of transport; of staff officers at Aldershot who were not allowed to use the public telephone before one o'clock in the afternoon to save money; and of mortar crews who were allowed to fire one live round in five months.

There could well be certain arms in which the IRA had better firing facilities than those of the British

facilities than those of the British Army. This was undermining the

morale of the forces. The Army could not continue in this way. The situation was getting worse. Her David Walder (Cistneroe, C) said the fear in the forces was what would come next. The answer the

Government produced was in the White Paper. It was the worst he had ever read. By their cuts the Labour Party had brought international confronts from nester.

said it was wrong to exaggerate the seriousness of the share of Soviet

gross national product allocated to defeace. To overdramatize the threat might be to territy people

by making them think that the Soviet Union or Warsaw Pact were

nipe feet tall.
Sir Frederic Bennett (Torbay, C)
said British troops in Germany
lived in barracks built for Hillar's
soldiers. They used .22 ammunition
and metal sleeves in a firing tern-

nique adopted in the dark days after Dunkirk. Fuel restrictions in-terfered with training programmes.

This affected the self respect of the forces and the esteem in which they were held by Nato allies. They were beginning to feel pity and sympathy for British troops.

Mr Patrick Wall (Haltemprice, C) for the Opposition said the first

for the Opposition, said the first aim of Soviet strategy had nothing to do with positive defence. It was

to soften up the Western will to resist, through national communist parties, front organizations and follow travellers, and the erosion of moral values by the mocking of the established authority of the church and the state.

church and the state.

Soviet forces had been heavily reinforced since the Helsinki con-

nine feet tall. .

hn Roper (Faruworth, Lab)

forces in

April 1

5 per cent rise in farm prices urged

European Parliament

Mr John Silkin, and John Sindh, the UK Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and acting President of the EEC Council of Ministers, called on members to heed the voice of consumers during their debate on EEC farm prices for the forthcoming crop year. This Parliament, he said, and any Council of Ministers which tried to ignore it, would be unrealistic.

which tried to ignore it, would be unrealistic.

Opening the debate, Mr Niels Anker Kofoed (Denmark, L.), preserving the opinion of the Parliament's Agriculture Committee, said that the Community was having to fix new farm origes assigned. Nevertheless, a majority of his committee felt that the European Commission's suggestion for an average 3 per cent increase in farm average 3 per cent increase to farm prices was too low. A figure of at least 5 per cent was justifiable. But irrespective of the Community's price policy this could have little impact on agriculture unless it was accompanied by structural reform, production planning and production control.

Lord Bruce of Donington (UK, Lab), for the Committee on Bud-gets, said they considered that a fair increase would be one of 3 per cent but that there should not be any increase at all in terms where there were structural comwhere there were structural sur-pluses. A substantial sum had to be spent from the budget because of these surpluses, of which the recent disposal of butter to the Soviet Union was one example. The committee left that more

are commenced ear that more tary compensation amounts should not be phased out until economic considerations which caused the disequilibrium with which they were supposed to deal could be corrected. The time had not yet

Mr Silkin said the debate would bave important repercussions on farm Ministers when they met in Brussels this weekend. The strongly the economic position confronting Europe. They recog-nized the dangers of unemploy-ment and high inflation, while at the same there not ignoring the hod been aggravated by last year

and Budger Committees reflected these difficulties and their propo-sals with higher and lower price increases than those suggested by increases man mose suggested by the Commission mirrored the dif-In Brussels last week, shorey

armers' representatives, he had

was the first time that such deputation had been received; would not be the last. Indeed, those who drew up the Treaty of Rome recognized this possibility since Article 39 listed among its objectives the interest of consumers as well as those of

dispassionately they would find that the interests of the producer and the consumer came to the and the consumer come to me same thing. After all, the interests of consumers were in food being produced and of producers that food should be consumed. Putting food into store or selling it outside she Community with the benefit of vast subsidies helped neither of them.

Sgr Michele Cifarelli (Italy, L) for the Liberal group, said 3 per cent was insufficient because farmers were stumbling under the weight of inflation.

Mr Albert Liegler (France), for the European Progressive Democrats, said the Community must become an exporter of its farming produce to it could company with

and plan

Tarring.

produce so it could compete with produce an it count compant wan the United States.
Mr James Scott-Hopkins (West Derbyshire) for the Consarvance group, said that, in principle, they accepted the Commission's proposal. The Commissioner had been brave and radical in telling farmers that they must take part in the battle against inflation, too.

M. Gustave Ansart (France, Comm.), for the Communist group, said the urgent task was to get a the rural exodus. Agricultural prices could help. They should reflect production costs.

Mr Mark Hughes (Durham, Lab) said there should be an exami-nation of the problems of cost differential between farmer and consumer prices because the Community could vote apparent

The debate was adjourned.

increases which did not materialize

at the farm gate and to the farmer's benefit. A prices policy could not be effective unless a sound structural policy preceded

Audit board

Mr Ivor Clemitson (Luton, East, Lab) was refused leave by 194 votes to 159 to introduce a Bill to establish a public audit board to provide an independent auditing service to companies financed by levy on those companies. Mr John Wakeham (Maldon, C) said the Bill's effect would be harmful and bureaucratic and would not deal with the many difficulties that arose in auditing. The independence and objectivity of auditors had been called into question in not more than a handful of cases in the past 10

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Criticism of Tory by-election poster

Mr Dennis Canavan (West Stirling-Mr Dennis Canavan (West Sirring-shire, Lab) accused the Conserva-tives of starring up racialism by "dirty fascist tactics" in the Stechford by-election.

During questions to the Frime Minister about Mr Callaghan's next meeting with the TUC, he said: Will be discuss with the TUC, the need for a united campaign against the kind of racialism which is being stirred up to the disty fascist being stirred up by the darty fascis tactics being used in the Stechford by-election by the Tories who are using anti-immigration posters similar to those used by the National Front, with the apparent approval of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition? (Mr William Wilsiam) Whitelaw).
Mr James Callaghan—I read the account in *The Guardian* of the leaflet, or a facsimile of the leaflet, used by the Conservative cardi-date. It is certainly at variance with the views that have been expressed in this House on that

Mr Demis Skinner (Bolsover. Mr Demis Skinner (Boisover. Lab)—Not really.

Mr Callaghan—Yes, They have never said they would stop immigration. They have said they would place limitations on it, as we have done. They have said they would need to examine carefully the question of a register, as we have done. I do not understand how a Conservative candidate is going so far vative candidate is going so far beyond official Conservative Party policy. If there is any doubt on it perhaps the Leader of the Opposi-don would take advantage of this opportunity to clear the position up. (Loud Labour shouts of "Answer".)

£10m credit facility available to Romania

House of Lords ple to make a special credit line of film available to the Romanians on special conditions, Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, announced. He said the Romanians would be able to use this to place orders able to use this to place orders with British companies to replace equipment damaged during the eartiquake, It was in addition to the governmental and considerable private subscriptions from this country to the Romanian Governmental mentions.

Earlier Lord Elton, an Opposi-tion spokesman, had asked whether the Government had con-sidered the use of an RAF aircraft to deliver a consignment of drugs available for dispatch to Bucharest on March 7 for the relief of earthquake victims.

Was it true, as reported in the press, that this method of delivery was rejected as too costly, and it so, how much time was lost and how much money was saved by the implementation of this decision?

Lord Goronwy-Roberts — The Government decided not no charter an RAF sircraft to deliver medical supplies to Romania on March 7 because British Airways and the Romanian state airline were able to take the available supplies on their flights to Bucharest on March He cost of a RAF aircraft would have been roughly £5,000.

He added that the 24-hour delay of first delivery had not affected the situation in Romania. The Government did not feel they should reject the suggestion made has the Research and The Cost of the State of by the Romanian state airline. The savings of £5,000 would be available to add to the donation they were contemplating making to the Romanian authorities.

Job release take-up slow

House adjourned, 8.54 pm.

Lord Wallace of Coslany, Lord in Lord Waliace of Coslany, Lord in Waiting, moving the second reading of the Job Release Bill, which has passed the Commons, said the response to the job release scheme so far had been less than the Government had boped. Up to March 18 there had been almost 12,000 applications of which about 10,000 had been approved. About 3,000 were from employed people and 7,000 from unemployed people. More publicity was being given to job release in an effort to in

prove the take-up and particularly to ensure that all in employment who were eligible were aware of the scheme. The Bill was read a second time. Passage of Bills

The Agriculture Holdings 'Notices to Quit) Bill was read the tird time and passed.
The Social Security (Miscel-incous Provisions) Bill completed the report stage.

Defence cuts defended: £2,350m for equipment in coming year: announcement on short-service gratuities

He said the Statement on the Defence Estimates reaffirmed the Government's determination to make a substantial defence contribution to Nato and deploy British forces where they could have the most significant effect on the security of the ablance as a whole, it also reaffirmed the Government's determination, in conjunction with their allies, to seek reductions in the level of armaments, nuclear and cenventional. ments, nuclear and conventional, by international agreement.

Nato's policy of deterrence was still working and there was no imminent risk of aggression by the

ered.

In this context (he continued) we must bring home to the Soviet Union and her ailies the necessity of complementing with reductions in military forces the lessening of political tension which has already been achieved. We welcome the efforts of the new United States Administration to reach a new SALT agreement, to achieve a comprehensive test but presty and to give a new imperus to the negocomprehensive test pan treaty and to give a new impetus to the negotiations on the mutual and balanced reduction of forces in tantral Europe.

The aim should be to schieve greater stability at a lower level of forces deployed by both sides and in particular to remove the possitulity of a surprise attack.

The relative burden which each lity of a surprise attack.

The relative burden which each
Nato member bore for the common
defence should not and could not
be immutable. It was inescapable
that defence, like all other public

Mr Frederick Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence (Sheffield, Park, Lab), opening the two-day defence debate, moved:

"That this House takes note of the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1977 and endorses HM Government's policy of basing British security on collective effort to deter aggression while seeking every opportunity to reduce tension through international agreements on arms control and disarmament."

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budget rentering the restaurant those commitments which they were able to make.

The reductions made since affected mainly the immediate future, the two years 1977-78 and 1978-79. The Government had been able to achieve the reductions in 1977-78 without having to accept any reductions in their commitments to Nato. They were still looking at how to achieve the cuts in 1978-79 and would do this in close consultation with Nato.

It was too early to say whether any reduction in their capabilities would be necessary, but his aim was to keep to a minimum the affect on this country's front-line contribution to Nato. commitments which they still working and there was no imminent risk of aggression by the Warsaw Pact.

The policy of deterrence did not require that Nato matched the conventional strength of the Warsaw Pact either globally or in particular areas. It did require that Nato maintained sufficient forces to deter aggression: to make it clear to the other side that no easy victories could be won and that are attempt to bring military pressure to bear involved incalculable risks.

The essential point was not that increases in Soviet forces required exactly matching increases in Soviet forces on either side should not become such that the risks involved in aggression were between the forces on either side should not become such that the risks involved in aggression were diminished or that the nuclear threshold was significantly lowered.

In this context (he continued)

If cuts of the size they had had If cuts of the size they had had to accept since the defence review were made over a long period of years, there were bound to be in the long run effects on the teeth. The tail was not so long that it could be continually trimmed, but equally to maintain that no trimming was possible in a programme of more than £6,000m was ridiculous. He was making economies which he would have wished to make even if he had unlimited funds at his disposal. He would continue to search for economies wherever they could be found.

The White Paper said that the savings of £200m in 1977-78 would be found in three broad areas. Abour £75m would be found from the equipment programme. Here the only significant cancellation made was on an improved version of the Ikara anti-submarize weapon system which was under equally to maintain that no mim-

The balance of the £200m savings came from a variety of small cuts and from the normal process of estimates scrutiny which took place just before the start of the financial year. No cuts would be a made in armed forces' training or a in ammunition. The Government simed to in-crease the proportion of the defence budget devoted to equipment. In the coming year, they expected to spend £2,350m on equipment or 37 per cent of the total budget. That was as high a share as had been achieved for

many years.

The proportion of Britain's defence expenditure devoted to the purchase of new equipment was the highest of the 11 members of Nato which were surveyed. That figure reflected the Government's determination to see that Britain's forces continued to have modern and arth other equipment to deal and up-to-date equipment to deal with the increased sophistication of Warsaw Pact forces. The Government's policy must be to keep research and develop-

ment expenditure to a manageable level by collaboration with Bri-tzin's allies and by selective pur-chases abroad. The alliance could on a ford to operate with a sreat diversity of weapons or to dupli-cate research and development resources wastefully. The search for standardization and interopera-bility was not easy. They had completed studies with Germany of ideas for a future main battle tank. Their purpose was to establish whether there was a suffi-

estatism whether there was a furti-cient identity of views to justify a joint collaborative project. A large measure of agreement had been reached on the characteristics of a future tank but the replace-ment timetables of the two coun-tries had gradually diverged- to such a degree that in the view of both governments collaboration on both governments collaboration on the projects was no longer ticable at this time. For the Government's part, they

For the Government's part, they considered it essensial to start replacing the Chieftrain in the late 1980s and they proposed to maintain the excellent contacts they had made with Germany and make use of their long-established lisison with the United States to explore in the interests of Nato standardization possibilities of harmonizing components of the tank forces of the three countries. The meeting of Nato defence ministers later this week would be the third in a series at which aktoorne early warning week would be the third in a series at which airborne early warning had been fully discussed. At each of the earlier meetings it had been the hope of the Government that a decision could be reached on the strength of which they could take a clearcut decision whether or not to proceed with Nimrod.

At the December meeting he had made it clear to their allies that he did not think they could afford

his position.

If it proves impossible (he said) even with the extra time we have agreed to make available to arrive at a firm and fully worked out decision in favour of the collective Nato force I do not at this stage see any elternative to our recursidering our position. see any alternative to our reconsidering our position.

He was not anticipating the outcome of Friday's meeting. If it happened that they should go ahead with Nimrod it would be on the basis that it would contribute to Nato's required airhorne early warning capability and could be made compatible with whatever additional AEW capability the allies decided to procure.

The alliance had to concentrate on the area of conventional forces and in particular what General Haig had called the three Rs and in particular what General Haig had called the three Rs-readiness, rationalization and rain-forcements. There was a good deal that could be done in these areas expenditure.
Our silies (he said) have shown plans. They understand the Government's firm commitment to Nato and our firm determination to play as full a part in its defence as our economy allows.

They would not thank us (be went on) if we strove to contribute defence forces so the affiance at the expense of our long-term economic strength.

No survey of defence policy would be complete without reference to the men and women who made it all possible. Times of economic difficulty and cutbacks in expenditure were not easy for

in expenditure were not easy for those affected by them. Some redundancies in the Services and their civilian support were inevitable but his aim was to keep these to a minimum. The Govern ing with the difficulties of the effects of the 1973-74 pensions legislation as it affected the short service aircrew in relation to their gratuities. Those officers were reccrited on unique terms.

risted on unique terms.

That method of recruitment, which offered a pensionable career but with the option to leave at eight or 12 years with the gratuites applicable to a non-pensionable officer, had now been abandoned. A declining number of officers were thus being dealt with. Only 450 remained who had the option to leave with a gratuity after 1978. Those leaving before then had been given the option of a gratuity or a preserved armed forces pension.

Although they were deferred and did not represent immediate cash in hand they were of considerable. did not represent immediate cash in hand they were of considerable value. If a proper relationship with the conditions of service of other

After careful consideration (he said) the Government have decided that the right course is for these officers to remain in the armed forces pensions scheme after April 6, 1978.

preserved, an upper Hunt had to be set to the total value of the ter-minal benefits those officers

5, 1978.

If after that date any of them exercise the option to leave at the eight or 12-year break points they will be entitled to a preserved armed forces pension and terminal grant at the age of 60 years.

An officer may choose to take grant at the age of 60 years.

An officer may choose to take full advantage of this new benefit by forgoing his gratuity or he may choose to combine the combined pension and terminal grant with a gratuity but in that case, only service after April 6 will count towards his preserved pension and the amount of the gratulty will not exceed whatever rate is current before April 1978.

In this way no officer who wishes to have it will be denied the gratuity he was promised when he entered the service.

At the same time, those officers who attached greater importance to their superannuation provision for old age, would not be denied the full benefits of the new pensions legislation. The Government believed that their courton would not be desired. believed that solution would be fair to all officers concerned and would be seen to be fair by their colleagues in other categories of

There had been speculation about the gratuities payable to other officers recruited on a normai short-term service agreement with no entitlement to an armed forces pension. The Government wished to make it clear that those gratuities would continue as an essential recruitment and resettle-ment feature of the short service

He stressed again that the pur-pose of the significant contribution Britain still made and should make to the collective defence of the West was to deter aggression. If fighting starts (he said) our policy has failed. Western defence is indivisible. We do not meet the Warsaw Pact threat alone but as part of the alliance whose cohesion part of the alliance whose cohesion must be our first concern.

He did not consider that there was evidence that security was immediately threatened by the capability of the Warsaw Paot forces facing them. He endorsed Secretary Brown's recent statement that real security lay in strategic arms negotiations to produce a lower level of armament and corresponding mesoniation.

and corresponding negotiation with respect to arms. To ensure that the deterrent posture remained credible, requiring a continuing effort from all members of the alliance, he was determined to see that Britain's contribution

Compelling reasons for Secretary of State to resign

Sir Inn Gilmour, Opposition be said about what the Government spokesman on defence (Chesham had done was that it was not irreand Amersham, C) said he weloverable. The front line could be and Apicrsum, c) said the Well-comed the belated surrender on gratisty for serving officers. He sympathized with Mr Mulley on the motion which Mr Foot, with traditional incompetence and tricks. iness, had only got on the Order Paper last night.

Paper last night.

Even the Government did not approve of their White Paper for they were only asking the House to take note of it. He did not blame them, but it was the first time such a motion had appeared since 1950.

We all understand that the Government have difficulties (be said) but surely they should just about summon up a majority to approve the White Paper.

The motion, in talking of collections approve the White Paper.

The motion, in talking of collective effort, meant the effort of Britain's allies. The motion was unsatisfactory to the House but was appropriate to the White Paper. They did not blame the unuster for not talking much about the White Paper which by his silence Mr Mulley appreciated was an arid document and predictably so.

The only unpredictuale feature was that it tried the same trick as last year's. That could be understood if it had succeeded, but it had falled and to go through the same routine again showed poverty of imagination. The trick was to pretend that the Labour Government went on cutting defence has ment went on cutting defence but in some mystical way did not hurt defence capability. In real terms the Government were cutting defence by £100m.

The Government had pretended that the defence review had cut Britain's commitments outside Nato hot had not cut its Nato capability. That was unique. They had weakened the feet on the flank, reduced the reserves earmarked for Nato, and made dangerous reductions in the capability of the air force. of the air force. the cut by keeping the front line at the same minimal strength, but that strength had been greatly reduced by cuts in ammunition and equipment. The facade was still impressive but in the rest of the building the furniture had been taken out and the foundations seamed.

be said about what the Government had done was that it was not irrevocable. The front line could be restored to its proper strength. There would soon be a Conservative Government which would rectify the position and give the proper what they needed. (Conservative cheers.) Last week's report of the all-

weapon system which was under joint development with the Austra-lians.

party defence subcommittee was a shocking indictment of the Govern-ment and of the Secretary of State. It shot to pieces Mr Mulley's teeth and tail argument and showed that the Government had been trying to deceive the nation about the facts of the cuts inflicted on the forces. Mr Mulley's proper course in January was to resign when he lost the confidence of his professional advisers and of Britain's allies. That was still true. That was still true.

The committee's report provided more compelling reasons for his resignation. It demonstrated the damage which he and the Government had done to the defences, and that Mr Mulley and his predecessor had been trying to conceal from the nation the damage that had been done. that had been done.

The Secretary of State should go (he said), He now has the chance to make a dignified exit shortly before the rest of his Government and he should certainly take it. (Conservative cheers.)

The White Paper on defence was the same old story—the Government cutting defences while the Soviet machine became more powerful. The White Paper suffered from an advanced state of schizophremia. Parts of it related the Soviet threat fairly and even starkly but there were necesses of starkly but there were passages of inspired idiocy, presumably contributed by the Secretary of State or other ministers.

Why should the Soviet Union Why should the Soviet Union disarm when the Government were doing their work for them by disarming undisterally?

The Government had unilaterally cut, the defence forces five times and the Prime Minister had threat and the Prime Minister had threat to bring back the British The Government had unilaterally cut, the defence forces five times and the Prime Minister had threatened to bring back the British forces from Germany.

The collector's piece in the White Paper was a paragraph that said there was no evidence to suggest that Nato's policy of deterrence was failing and that the Warshaw Part was contemplating saw Pact was contemplating aggression against Nato.

Does he expect (he asked) to get defence to its rightful place as the The only good thing that could a note from Mr Brezhuev saying, prime task of government.

committing aggression, Yours sin-cerely, Leonid." If he did get the note he would not pay any atten-tion, he would go on cutting. tion, he would go on cutting.

Over the past three years Soviet military expansion had been at a rate of 5 per cent a year in real terms. Did Mr Mulley tell the House that the vast military expansion added up to no evidence at all that the Soviet Union had aggressive intentions? If so could he explain why they were devoting so much effort to bring about the expansion in their aggressive capability?

bility?

On Nato's central front it was the Soviet Union who had the greatest number of tauks and planes and Nato had a superiority in anti-tank guns. It would be difficult to invade anyone with those. It was perfectly obvious that the West did not have the capability to take the offensive.

Obviously capability was largely determined by intentions. The Soviet Union had been turned into an arsenal by the intentions of insulers. The stronger the Warsaw Pact became relative to the West the greater became its appetites and its ambitions. In intention, capability, and behaviour there was no comparison between the East and West Russian forces were sprawled across many countries in Europe which had risen against Russian role.

Britain's major objective was against Russian rule.

Britain's major objective was peace and the Opposition as much as the Government would be relieved if peace could be assured at a lower level of armament. They were all in favour of disarmament provided it was mutual. One-sided disarmament helped only Russia and endangered peace. The right way to persuade the Russiaus to disarm was by agreement and the wrong way was the unilateral way. The real world was miles away from the Government's complacin western Europe, not excluding the Italian communist party.

Conservatives strongly believed that the defence budget should be assessed in the light of the perceived threat to national and Nato security. (Conservative cheers.) They would restore defence in its rightful place as the

Defence was such a complex and long-term business that anybody who knew anything about it realized it would be folly for an opposition to commit itself to a detailed defence policy. Only those who had an excessively high opinion of their ability as armchair strategists could seriously believe that detailed and costed commitments should be entered into in opposition. into in opposition.

Mr Mulley—We understand that he would not be able to give a precise indication of where he would like more money to be spent, but, particularly if events take a particular course, the people are entitled to know how much in broad terms additional expenditure would be put to defence. into in opposition.

will they go back, for example, upon this 1975 review, or do they accept that? To go back there is extremely costly. If the Opposition are going to cut public expenditure elsewhere, in addition to spending billions of pounds extra on defence, the British people need to know where it is coming from. coming from.

Sir Iam Gilmour.—We will not return to places from which the Labour Government have withdrawn. We regret the withdrawal in many cases, but we cannot have our forces going backwards and forwards. That is water under the bridge. If the Government have bridge. If the Government have been concealing from the House and the country the exact extent of the damage they have been doing how can we possibly know where exactly we are going to repair it? If the Government had been more honest we would be been more honest we would be able to be much more specific. There is (he went on) one overriding priority for as which is obvious and inescapable and it has been demanded for us by the Labour Government. That is to Labour Government. That is to restore the proper fighting capability of our front-line soldiers, sailors and airmen. The facade has to be made real. Our forces have to have sufficient amountain to train with and fight with. They must have sufficient fuel and sufficient traves and savelens equipment. spares and servicing equipment.

The Government's pretence that

they had not weakened the teeth did not deceive the Russians. They knew what troops needed if they

had to fight for any length of time. It did not deceive Britain's own forces. They knew the truth and

to conceal it. For Britain to play her proper For Britain to play her proper part in defending herself and the West the forces had to be fully credible to the Russlans, to Britain's allies and to themselves. It would be a prime objective of a Conservative government to make them fully credible to all three. After the mess made by this Government it would be a big task but he had no doubt that the Conservatives would achieve it. Conservatives would achieve it. (Loud Conservative cheers.) Mr Mulley—He says he cannot quantify expenditure because he does not know where he may have to make repairs. On the other hand he makes the most sweeping allegations, which can only be calculated to encourage the Russians and demoralize our forces none

and demoralize our forces, none of which are supported by factual evidence.

Sir Ian Glimonr—The Government have been fiddling the books and trying to deceive the public by what they have done and therefore we cannot know exactly the true state until we get there. We know that the patient is ill but the exact medicine that should be given and in what proportion and how soon we cannot know until we have had a chance to examine the putient.

Sir Harwood Harrison (Fva C)

chairman the patient.

Sir Harwood Harrison (Eye, C), chairman of the subcommittee which reported on defence expenditure, said that the report had a lot of publicity in the national press last Friday because it was unarimous. It was possible that many people did not realize how much the completive effect of the cuts amounted to.

The report was written before the White Paper was published, but there was nothing in the White Paper which would have made members of the committee alter their minds.

Mr Alan Lee Williams (Havering, Hornchurch, Lab) said he was un-happy with the number of plece-meal defence cuts not only by this administration but by Conservatives, but the fundamental review instituted by the previous Defence Secretary was a considered docu-

ment.

Defence was so important it must have a higher priority in expenditure. The select committee report was a highly damaging assessment of present defence capability.

ference and in the last 18 months their army and air force had changed from a defensive to offenchanged from a defensive to offensive posture, kept at instant readiness and able to attack at 2 hours' notice. It used to be said that one to three weeks' warning would be given of an attack in central Europe; now it might be one to three days.

If the Soviet Union obtained control over southern Africa they would control 60 to 90 per cent of the key minerals of the world. They would have a stranglehold over the western economy.

They would have a stranglehold over the western economy.

The threat today was as grave, if not graver, than in the thirties. The Government to maintain party unity had put at risk the security or the state. They had failed the defence forces and the nation. There could be only one verdict—they must go.

Mr Robert Brown, Under Secretary for Defence for the Army (Newcas-

for Defence for the Army (Newcas-tle upon Tyne, West, Lab) said the reserve forces, in accordance with the policy stemming from the defence review, were being much more closely integrated with the regular forces. The first two of the new field forces being created would come into existence on April and each would come into existence on April 1 and each would contain two TAVR infantry battalions and sup-TAVE INTERES DESCRIPTIONS AND SUP-porting units.

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tent of defence spending.

Since the fuel crisis they had to watch fuel consumption in all three Services carefully. In the expenditure reductions they had been unliked to make for 1277-78, the purchase of fuel had been left upsifected. esffected. Britain's security was far better assured by present Government policy of careful, cost-effective and considered policies to achieve the best possible use of resources and the minimization of waste than the

reciles and unfirenciable pro-gramme of the Opposition. The debate was adjourned. Parliamentary notices House of Commons rouse at 3.50° Deate on motion of no techlorice in the Government. House of Lords Today at 2.30° Debate on National State Patient and Kollegy Programme. The programme of the People Lift, second reading.

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WEST EUROPE

Mr Jenkins faces censure motion farm price for suspending EEC export subsidies on butter for E Europe

Luxembourg, March 22 Members of the European Parliament are to debate tomorrow a censure motion against Mr Roy Jenkins, the Free dent of the European Commission, and his Commission colleagues for their recent handling of subsidized butter

The motion, which has been tabled by the 17 French and Irish members of the Euro pean Progressive Democratic Group, criticizes the Commission for deciding to suspend export subsidies on butter sales to Eastern Europe. This move was not founded on any legal basis whatsoever and the Commission had consequently its powers, the motion alleges.
It also criticizes the Commis-

sion for having failed to consult the Parliament before acting and for its general mismanagement of stocks of agri-cultural products. "The Commission can be held per-sonally responsible for the management

stocks", it says.

After a full-scale debate during which the Commission is expected to defend its decision to ban temporarily butter sales to Eastern Europe, the motion will be voted on by MPs. If there is a substantial majority in favour, Mr Jenkins and his culleagues would have to

motion is limited mainly to to the same thing, he said. French and Irish MPs, with "Putting food into store or powerful dairy farming lob-bies. West German and British MPs, who traditionally support the interests of consumers, are them", he added. the interests of consumers, are unlikely to go along with the motion.

The debate on the censure motion during a special two-day session of the Parliamentoriginally scheduled to discuss this year's farm price review, came as something of a surprise

It was generally expected that the motion would not be debated until the next regular session of the Assembly in April. However, French Gaullist members of the Progressive Democratic Group insisted sive Democratic Group insisted that the censure motion should be discussed during the current session.

During today's opening session of the farm price debate, Mr John Silkin, the British Minister of Agriculture, and acting president of the EEC's Council of Ministers, emphasized the importance of taking consumer interests into

"The voice of the consumer is being raised all over Eur-ope", he said. "This Parlia-ment and a Council of Ministers which tried to ignore it would be unrealistic." The interests of the pro-

Mr Silkin, who is seeking a virtual standstill on EEC farm prices this year, said there were large changes on the borizon to which the Community should be turning its mind. If Greece, Portugal and Spain became members of the EEC, as seemed likely, the Community's agricultural policy would hve to be transformed to take account of an actival different policy. entirely different situation.

The Assembly was debating a draft resolution drawn up by its agricultural committee calling for farm price increases averaging 5 per cent this year. However, the European Commission's recommendation for a 3 per cent rise across the a 3 per cent rise across the board is supported by the Par-liament's budgetary committee. When the resolution is out to the vote tomorrow, it will have an important bearing on the deliberations of ministers of agriculture of the Nine who are due to complete their price

negotiations in Brussels this With the exception of the British, most other EEC gov-eroments are calling for rises

of more than 3 per cent.



Mr Roy Jenkins with Queen Juliana at Soestdijk palace yesterday.

Dutch want delegate of Nine at summit

From Our Correspondent The Hague, March 22

Mr Roy Jenkins, the President of the European Commission, anded a two-dey visit to The Hague today after an audience with Queen Juliana.

In a statement he noted with

satisfaction the Dutch Govern-ment's support for his position that the EEC as a whole ment's support for his position represented in London by the that the EEC as a whole British Foreign Minister, in his should be represented at the capacity of chairman of the forthcoming Western economic Council of Ministers, and by summit in London.

France is the main opponent since no decisions will be taken in London it is sufficient

Andreotti plea

as Rome strikes

From Our Own Correspondent

growing number of violent uttacks on them in the city. The Prime Minister's main point in his interview was that

the life expectancy of his

Government was of only rela-

ive importance. What counted, he said, was that the thread providing a minimum of con-

parties should not be broken without there being first the certainty of something better

This idea of prudence marked Signor Andreom's talks today

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the Parliamentary parties, which help to keep his minority

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Rome, March 22

Community, and that the pre-sence of Mr Jenkins and repre-sentatives of the smaller EEC countries is not required.

Mr Jenkins said that he and Mr Joop den Uyl, the Dutch Prime Minister, shared the view that the EEC should be European Commission

Mr Jenkins added that the talk about possible reprisals, final decision would have to be but confirmed that we "see taken at the end of the week entirely eye to eye with the in Rome, where Europe's Dutch on this issue".

Rome Treaty.
The Dutch Parliament has

urged its ministers to boycott the Rome meeting if an invi-tation to the London summit is not forthcoming.
The Dutch Finance Minister

has even threatened to with-draw some of Holland's extra contributions to Community funds if the small countries are excluded from the summit. Mr Jenkius preferred not

Mrs Hart resumes battle with French over aid

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, March 22
Mrs Judith Hart, the Minister
for Overseas Development and Signor Andreomi, the hard-pressed Prime Minister of Italy, among the most unrepentant of British anti-Marketeers, re-turned to the European stage expressed the hope today that in the present difficult siniation no one was making the mistake of thinking in terms of a trial of strength between the to take the chair at a meeting of EEC ministers responsible Covernment and the trade for aid to developing countries.

She quickly found herself in a tussle with the French who

He emphasized the need for prudence in an interview which were opposing a Commission proposal which would establish was published on the eye of a general strike in Rome and the a permanent legal basis for aid whole Lazio region, Industry, agriculture, schools and public offices are due to be idle all. to countries in Asia, among them Malaysia, India, Pakistan and Ceylon, and in Latin America which are not associated with the EEC in any formal day tomorrow. Cinemas and theatres will close and public transport will stop for several Shop keepers have decided to close their businesses in a separate protest against the

of concern to Britain, who was given assurances on accession that attention would be given to bringing Asian Commonwealth countries within the web of the Community's trade and aid agreements with developing

As in the past, the French today opposed putting aid to the non-associated states on a permanent footing, insisting it should be decided each year. In the 1977 budget, the Commission, backed by the European Parliament, has proposed expenditure of 45 milion units of account (£18.7m), but this was to be coupled with agreement on a framework for such aid. Now it appears that this aid. Now it appears that this part of the proposals at least will have to be dropped.

Nine in accord on VAT

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, March 22

Finance and budget ministers of the Nine were tonight des-cribed as "home and dry" in their search for agreement on the question of which items should be subject to or exempt from value added tax (VAT) for the purpose of calculating payments to the EEC budget.

One or two minor reservations remained. Speaking at a press conference after tonight's meeting, Mr Robert Sheldon, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, who was in the chair, said that the EEC's full "own resources"

budgetary system should now be in operation "if all goes well by the target date of January 1,

The introduction of "own resources" would enable mem-ber governments to finance EEC activities automatically without the present recourse to direct contributions from national exchequers.

It is intended that from the

beginning of 1978 onwards these direct contributions should be replaced by revenue should be replaced by revenue equivalent to up to 1 per cent of VAT levied on an agreed list of goods and services throughour the Community.

Basques freed under wider amnesty From William Chislett

Madrid March 22
To shouts of "Gora Euskadi" (Long live the Easque country) three alleged members of the Basque separa-cist organization ETA were

moday released from Carabanchel prison here. They were among the first political prisoners to benefit from the Government's widen-

ing of its amnesty which came into effect last weekend and is expected to cover most of the estimated 178 remaining political prisoners, nearly all of them Basques. A small crowd of about 30 people, family and friends had been waiting all night outside

the old, grim prison in a working class suburb of Madrid
The three released were Señor Joo Kortabarria, Señor Gorzon Osinaga and Señor Pablo Gubikagogeaskoa Gayete-beitia. The first two were arrested on November 4, 1975 in Onate in the Basque country and were accused of illegal

Señor Gayetebeitia was arrested in Madrid on Sep-tember 18, 1975 during a nationwide police raid against ETA. No formal charges were brought against him and his arrest was in connexion with a

wave of attacks.
Ironically the three soners were released on seventeenth anniversary of the death in 1936 of Senor José Autonio de Aguirre, the Presi-dent of the autonomous Basque

Government.
Meanwhile families of other political prisoners gathered ourside various prisons in Spain awaiting news of their king. The amnesty is not expected to cover those expected to cover those directly involved in politically motivated crimes of violence, although this is not completely clear yet. To date about nine political prisoners have been

Unconfirmed reports are in-

creasing that the Spanish Communist Party will be legalized by the Supreme Court by the end of this week. The court must give its verdict by April 1. Officials at the party's headquarters are reluctant to commit themselves either way on the issue of legalization, but there is a definite feeling that it is a foregone conclusion. As the Government has now announced its electoral lawalthough the exact text has yet to be published—observers believe that it is anxious to solve the Communist problem as soon as possible and so open the way for electoral campaigning without discrimination. Most parties, particularly the neo-Francoist Popular Alliance, have already started their campaign but the Communists are still having their meetings banned.

Mr Kosygin begins visit to Finland

Helsinki, March 22.—Mr Kosygin, the Soviet Prime Minister, arrived here today for a five-day official visit, to include talks with President Kekkonen that are expected to focus on expanding economic ties and defence and political

Mr Kosygin will attend the inauguration tomorrow of Fin-land's first nuclear power station, built at Loviisa, east of Helsinki, with Soviet assist-

The talks between the two leaders are expected to centre on the projected 15-year trade greement between the Soviet Union and Finland, and the review in Belgrade next June of the results of the 1975 Helsinki security confere

Biscuit firm owner is kidnapped

Milan, March 22.—Signor Paolo Lazzroni, the owner of Italy's oldest and best known biscuit company, has been kidnapped in Milan, police disclosed today. He is the nineteenth person kidnapped in Italy so far this year and the sixth this month.—AP.

3,000 pigeons face the guillotine

Rome, March 22.-Between 3,000 and 4,000 sick pigeons are facing the guillotine in Siena. A municipal ordinance says beheading must be used, followed by the cremation of the bodies in the municipal incinerator.

Gimmicks will not save French Government

From Charles, Hargrove

bring back to its fold the single out the enemy more absurd and out of season.

per cent of the popular vote that deserted it for the left in the municipal elections. But a gimmick will not be enough.

We must alter our tactics, of majority, are now quite absurd and out of season. The least that can be said is that deserted it for the left in against us", he said yesterday. The reasons for the majority.

For a start, in the Caulling of Majority, are now quite absurd and out of season. The least that can be said is that their partners' analysis of against us", he said yesterday. The reasons for the majority. simmick will not be enough. Sacrificing the seven minis-

ters who were beaten at the meeting may produce a reshuft persistent attempts, since fle, which many observers con- President Giscard d'Estaing's sider inevitable, to demon election nearly three years ago, strate the Government's deter- to undermine the dominant mination to make a fresh start, position of the Gaullists in the with an eye on next year's government majority. The most

nwo, to match the undeniable candidate for the post of power of attraction which the mayor of Paris.

effectiveness of the liberal common programme of the The Gaullists believe that policy of the President, and left has had on a large they have been clearly, if not now begin to doubt it and

way of thinking their Giscardian and Centrist partners polls would not be convincing, must acknowledge the error of list leader's drive and determipolls would not be convincing. Inter ways and abandon their nation prevented defeat from although tomorrow's Cabinet their ways and abandon their nation prevented defeat from turning into disaster. Parliamentary elections, recent attempt was to put up What the government M Michel Orosno, the Minismajority needs is a common ter of Industry and a close programme and strategy of its friend of the President, as a

that Giscardians and Centrists show no inclination to accept the verdice that only the Gauk

M Jean-Pierre Fourçade, the Minister for Construction, and the leader of the Perspectives et Réalités clubs, the intellec-tual cells of Giscardism, declar-

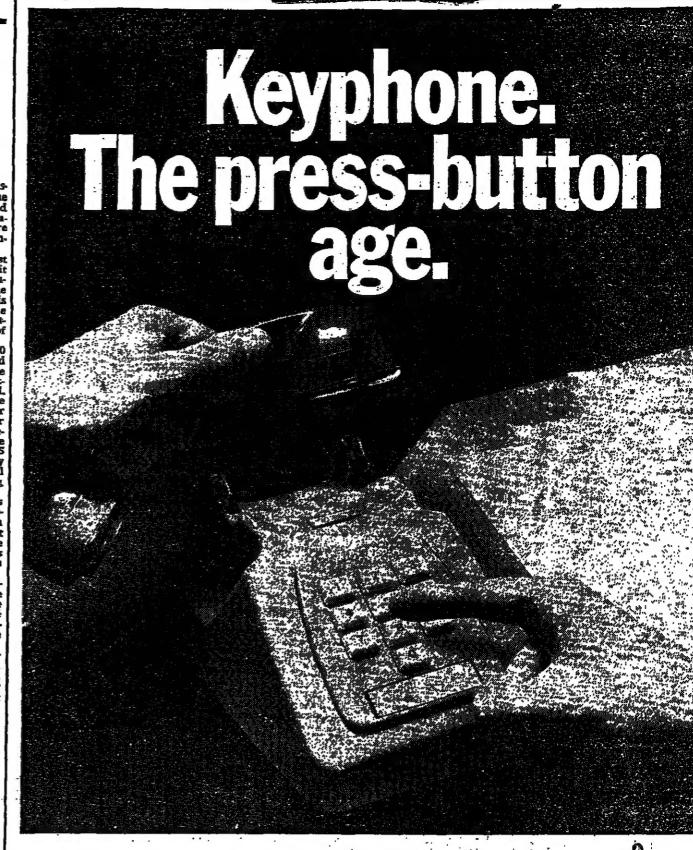
change his strategy.

"There are a number of voters who believed in the

From Charles, Hargrove number of voters in the shift triumphantly, vindicated by M believe in the effectiveness of the Chirac's success in Paris. "In the common programme (of the number of voters in the shift triumphantly, vindicated by M believe in the effectiveness of the common programme (of the common programme (of the words, is the recipe of M lacousting as saying that the Governous Gaullist Rassemblement, and theories of a shift of the anti-communism and battles of slogans are inadequate", he

The Giscardians' rejection of M Chirac's strategy of confron-tation with the left is only one of the obstacles to a common programme of the majority. Others are veiled suggestions from their quarrer on the night of the elections that the majority voting system was partly at fault. For years it had worked to the advantage of the Gaullists.

Now it is beginning to work in favour of the opposition. The ed on the radio yesterday that sentation next year. But this is the President had no reason to even more anothers. only remedy would be a Gaullists than the Govern-ment's plans for direct elections to the European Parliament on ratification of the new rules of the International Monetary Fund.



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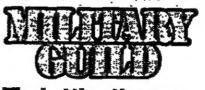
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From Patrick Brogan
Washington, March 22
The American Government
today announced proposals for
a reform of the electoral laws.
These would make registration
to vote far easier, would
abolish the electoral college
system and provide for financing congressional elections our

ing congressional elections out of public funds.

In a message to Congress, prepared with the assistance of congressional leaders, President congressional leaders, President Carter also recommends simplification of the existing laws on the public financing of presidential elections and an amendment to the Hatch Act, which now forbids civil servants from taking part in politics.

The most important of these reference and the one which

reforms, and the one which will be most difficult to get through Congress, is the proposal that the Government should pay for the elections of sensions and representatives. Paying for presidential elections this way was the most importthis way was the most import-ant reform resulting from the Watergate affair, but congress-men succeeded in preventing any such reform of their own elections. The present system enormously favours incumbents, who find it far easier to raise money to defend their seats than unknown rivals do to challenge them.

challenge them.

The same coalision which defeated reform two years ago will be mustered again this time. President Ford, a former congressman himself, did not support the proposal and the addition of the weight of the presidency to the reform move-ment will undoubtedly help the

cause now. Proposals to reform the system of presidential election have been common since the earliest days of the republic. Under the constitution, voters chose electors who in turn vote for the President. The idea was

Deposed leader ' admits Congo coup attempt

Yaoundé, Cameroun, March 22.—Mr Alphonse Massamba-Debat, the former Congolesa President, had admitted involvement in the assassination last Priday of Major Marien Ngouabi, the head of state, Brazzaville Radio, monitored

A communique from the provisional military committee ruling Congo since the killing, said that Mr Massamba-Debat, who was overthrown by the army in 1968, had formed a government in advance and already selected a new army chief of staff.

Signed:

Dear People of Goodwill,

that the wisest would be chosen to select the best man for the presidency, but in fact the system never worked, even in the days of George Washington.

On three occasions in the nineteenth century the candidate with most roughly with date with most popular votes was defeated by a rival who accumulated more electoral votes, and the same result has

votes, and the same result has been narrowly avoided several times recently — including last November. If Mr Ford had carried Ohio and Hawaii, and he was only about 12,000 wetes short of doing so, he would have won the election and would still be President, even though Mr Carter won nearly two million votes more than he did.

This is because the candidate with the most popular votes in a particular state takes every electoral college vote there. The constitution deliberately gives a considerable advantage to states with small populations (states get one electoral vote for every senator and congressman, which gives Alaska three votes for 88,000 voters and California 45 for eight million). eight million).

Now Mr Carter proposes that future presidents should be elected directly, and without any weighting towards small states. This will need a constates, Inis will need a con-stitutional amendment. It should get the two-thirds majority needed in both houses, and two thirds of the states needed for ratification, but the process will obviously be protracted.

The President has submitted a Bill to Congress which would allow voters to register, if necessary, at the polling booths. This is a system working in four states, where voter turnout ranges between 65 and 77 personnel of the property of t per cent, compared with a national average of about 55 per

Mr Vorster in new talks on press bill

From Our Correspondent Cape Town, March 22 Leaders of the South African newspaper industry met Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister, for discussions on the News-paper Bill again today. They agreed to continue the talks

tomorrow.

The Newspaper Bill, due for its second reading in the House of Assembly on Thursday, provides for a state-drafted code of conduct and a largely state-appointed press council with powers to fine journalists and close newspapers for unspecified periods.

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About-turn in Moscow opinion of Mrs Gandhi

Moscow, March 22.—The Soviet Government newspaper Izvestia today attributed Mrs Gandhi's election defeat to "mistakes and excesses" committed after the introduction of the state of emergency in

India two years ago.

In a report from Delhi it also blamed the Congress Party or what it called refusal to cooperate in most Indian states cooperate in most Indian states with the Moscow-aligned Communist Party of India (CPI). This, it said, played into the hands of the opposi-

This criticism of the way laws were enforced during the state of emergency was the first observers could recall seeing in the Soviet press. Mrs. Gandhi's emergency measures. were previously approved and welcomed here.

Always portrayed here as one of the Third World leaders closest to the Kremlin, Mrs. Gandhi had enjoyed consistent support from the Soviet press during the election campaign. Last week, for instance, the party daily Pravda, said her Government was supported by Government was supported by "the imposing successes India has achieved in the years of independence and especially of late."

Belgrade; Yugoslavia's leaders were said to be perturbed at the defeat of the Congress Party which helped to found the non-aligned movement 16

years ago. In two months President In two months President
Tito has seen his ally, President Sadat of Egypt, threatened by riots blamed on
Communists, and now Mrs
Gandhi thrown out of office,
while the Soviet Union has
been embarking on a diplomatic thrust in central and
southern Africa.

The nonaligned movement

The non-aligned movement and possibly Yugoslavia's inter-national tactics, could be pro-foundly modified if American influence, already established in Egypt, were to return to India.

Rawaipindia All newspapers in Pakistan carried the news with bold headlines.

The widely read Jang said the people of India had demonstrated a preference for democratic values and a rejection of personality. What had damaged Mrs Gandhi most was her recourse to emperency her recourse to emergency powers to curb civil liberties and the voice of dissent. Colombon Mrs Bandaranaike, the Sri Lanka Prime Minister, would make no comment on the downfall of Mrs Gandhi, for whom she has expressed admiration in the past.
Reuter, AP and Agence
France-Presse.



sad smile from Mrs Gandhi as she arrived for a Congress Party meeting yesterday.

Gandhi comeback forecast

Continued from page 1 the break with the Nebru family -even in Deshi where the people elected only Janata candidates. There is anxiety about what kind of government the Janata party under the 82-year-old Mr Morarji Desai could provide. People seem eager to put the blame on Mrs Gandhi's coterie of ministers and hangerson and on her son Mr Sanjay Gandhi. She is now paying for

Gandhi. She is now paying for their excesses, they say.

Mr Sanjay Gandhi, today announced he is quitting active politics and intends to devote himself to what he called "quiet constructive work". He added that he was "sorry if what I did in my personal capa-city has recoiled on my mother, whose life has been spent in selfles service.

In a statement issued a few hours after her resignation, Mrs Gandhi conveyed her good wishes to the incoming govern-ment, promising "constructive

Moscow, 13th March, 1977

cooperation " .. in .. common The collective judgment of the Indian people must be respected, she declared. "My colleagues and I accept their verdict unreservedly and in a spirit of humility.

"As I take leave of you as Prime Minister, I should like to express my gratitude . . . to the millions of men, women and children who have given me their trust, cooperation and even deep affection over the years. My love and concern for

the welfare of every section of the people remain unchanged." The text of her letter of resignation had been brief: "Beloved President, Consequent on the announcement of the results of the general elections,. I tender my own resignation and the resignations of the Council of Ministers. I am grateful to you for the consideration you have consistently shown to me and my colleagues. Yours sincerely, Indira Gandbi."

The President in an even tighter - lipped reply enly thanked Mrs Gandhi "for the services rendered to nation by her and

By this afternoon the Janata rupted Mrs Gandhi's socialist (People's) Party had secured, pretensions.

with its Congress for Democracy ally, 293 seats in the new 542 Lok Sabha (Lower House) with its Marxist-Communist election allies bringing in another 22 seats. Support is also promised from half a dozen small oppo-sition groups from various states. Congress trailed with only 145 seats.

The departure from office of The departure from others.

Mrs Gandhi raised insistently today the question of what had gone so disastrously wrong in the relationship with the that relationship with the Indian people which she in-herited from her father and re-won for herself alone in the so-called "Indira wave" election of 1971. The facts were unavoidable. As a final cruel blow today, the returns from the Congress bastion state of Uttar Pradesh came in, showing all 85 seats had gone to Janata.

In one word, what had gone wrong was the emergency. The emergency TRESTE arrogance, brutality and corruption of officials and police. Not only did it debauch India's love of democracy, but rampant favouritism bank-

Israeli riddle of actor and general's Ecuador role

Jerusalem, March 22
Israelis were faced at their breakfast tables with the riddle of what the actor Haim Topol was doing in Ecuador in company with "Gandhi".

A front-page report in the independent daily Haaretz claimed that Mr Topol had carried in Onion with his friend.

arrived in Quito with his friend Major-General Rehavan Zeevi and two other unnamed Israelis and that they had offered to supply the Ecuador Government with "sophisticated equipment

with "sophisticated equipment and advisory services on war against internal and other terrorist activities".

This had been disclosed, it said, in a report to Jerusalem by Mr Simai Rom, the Israeli ambassador. General Zeevi, popularly known 2s "Gandhi" in Israeli because of a youthful addiction to the Dhoti, was until recently adviser to the Israeli. recently adviser to the Israeli Prime Minister on counter-

terrorism.
The Prime Minister's office confirmed that it had received a report that General Zeevi, Mr Topol and their friends had arrived in Ecuador without the embassy's knowledge and had told an Ecuador minister they were owners of a private company for supplying equipment that it re-exported American that it re-expo

Drought action in China | £9m for Jordan Hongkong, March 22.—Millions of people have been mobilized to overcome the

terrorism.

The report added that the minister was aware that General Zeevi had been the Israell Prime Minister's adviser on counter-terrorism, and had asked the ambassador about the general and Ministers. general and Mr Topol.

On consulting Jerusalem for instructions, the ambassador was fold to inform the Ecuador minister that they were "pri-

vate persons".

Brigadier-General Ephraim
Piron, the Prime Minister's military secretary, was asked to comment by Haaretz. He said that General Zeevi was on leave after giving up his post as adviser on fighting terrorism but was still receiving his state salary. Officials were unable to explain Mr Topol's

The Israeli Government was recently rebuffed in its attempt to sell 24 of its home-made Kfir interceptor aircraft to Ecuador. The United States Government vetoed the deal on the ground that it re-exported American

effects of serious drought in China, provincial radio stations disclosed last night.—Agence Frence-Presse. financing several projects in the Jordanian five-year plan ending in 1980.

Amman, March 22.—Britain will grant Jordan a £9m credit under an agreement signed here. It will be used towards

Lone anti-royalist unable to catch Queen's eye

Independent Djibouti

imperialism nor Zionism can get control of this region."
Meeting in the large town of Taizz, 120 miles south of the capital, Sanaa, were Mr Gaafar Nimeiry. President of Sudan, Mr Robaye Ali, General Mulrammed Siad Barre, the Somali leader, and Mr Ibrahim Alhamor, the host head of stare.

There was no explanation of

There was no explanation of

an amouncement in Sanra earlier today that General Siad Earre would not be raining part. This would have been unusual since the summit will be discussing the coming independence to Djibouri to which Somalia has long laid claims.

However, Somalia's presence at the summit must also be

at the summit must also be viewed in the light of North Yemen's political closeness to its feudal neighbour Sauci Arabia, and Sudan's increasing

Both President Robaye Ali's statement and a warning from Mr Abdallah al-Asneje, North Yemeni Foreign Minister, before

the conference began were for the benefit of Ethiopia which

has recently shown concern about Arab control of the Red

about Arab control of the Red San, observers said.
"The Red Sea is Arab", Mr al-Asnaje said. However, he added: "That is not directed regainst any state and North Yenen will not be the therefor interrectional conflicts."

Today's su unit orened at a time when the whole area is tense. Relations between Ethi-

opia's military rulers and the Arab states, particularly Sudan which support pro-Arab secs-

sionist movemen's in Ethicoia's breakaway Eritrea province,

have become increasingly worse.
The coming independence of

Dibouit, meanwhile, threatens of Ethiopia's life-line to the sta along the rail link to Djibouit.

—Agence France-Presse.

for international conflicts."

keeps French troops

Paris, March 22

France will maintain her naval base and Foreign Legion force in Dilbouti after granting

independence to the strategic territory at the mouth of the Red Sea in June. This French presence, which is the only remaining Western toe hold in the Soviet-influenced Horn of

here soveral transfer of the key elements in the successful independence ralks just completed in Paris.

The raiks, between the French

Government and representatives of the Territory of Afars and Issas, resulted in an agreement

to hold legislative elections in May, to be followed by the in-

dependence proclamation a month later. The future of the

territory and the role France will play have been of great concern to pro-Western countries in the area—foremost among them Saudi Arabia—which fear the spread of Soviet-officeres

Influence.

During President Giscard d'Estaing's state visit to Saudi Arabia earlier this year France's intentions in Dilbout were closely questioned by the Saudi leaders. The French President was then understood to have

given an assurance that France would work for a smooth transi-tion in Djibouri but would not

abandon its military "obliga-tions" in the territory.

Taizz, North Yemen, March 22.—Four Red Sea heads of state opened discussions here

today with the aim of ensuring peace in the Red Sea area.

President Salem Robave Ali of South Yemen, told the press: "We must make the Red Sea into a region of peace.

The states bordering on the Red Sea are anxious to pre-serve security so that neither

Adelaide, March 22.—A to leave for Port Moresby in demonstrator staged a one-man Papus New Guines tomorrow, republican protest here today during a function attended by Whitlam, the former Labour the Queen. Waving a flag and Prime Minister, told a state nemonstrator staged a one-man republican protest here today during a function attended by the Queen. Waving a flag and shouring anti-royalist slogens, he got to within 20 yards of her before being subdued by police. Mr Don Dunstan, the South Australian state Premier, who

was making a speech, glanced briefly at the demonstrator. The Queen ignored him, and the Duke of Edinburgh smiled.

Before the Queen arrived to open part of the Adelaide Festival Centre, a larger demonstration took place involving about fifty people. They were protesting that a sculpture de-signed by a West German, which is on permanent display at the centre, should have been the work of a local artist. The pro-test did not affect the official

At the opening, the Queen because of her efficiency", Mr made the only official address of her Adelaide tour, noting the impressive growth of the city since her last visit 14 years ago.

court in Sydney that he had never investigated press reports of a romantic attachment between his deputy, Dr Jim Cairns, and Miss Junie Morosi, Dr

Cairns's secretary.

Mr Whitlam, now leader of
the Opposition, since his dismissal by the Governor-General, was giving evidence in a defamation action brought by Miss Morosi, aged 43. She is claiming damages from four Australian newspapers over a cartoon and nine articles which appeared in 1974 and 1975. Mirror News-papers Ltd. which published the material, is defending the action.

"I was quite satisfied Dr Cairns was going to appoint Miss Morosi (as his secretary)

ception in the Festival Theatre. ordering Dr Cairns to dismiss She and her busband are due Miss Morosi.-Reuter.

Argentine group's appeal for freeing of detainees

Buenos Aires, March 22

An Argentine human rights group, including prominent politicians, churchmen, former parliamentarians, university professors and professional professors and professional men, has appealed to President Videls to free all prisoners held without charges by the military government.

In a letter to the President published today, the Per-manent Assembly for Human Rights also asked him to pub-lish a list of all those held, indicating their places of detention, as "the only way of dissipating the painful and pro-longed agony of thousands of families who do not know the whereabouts of their loved

Since the military coup a year ago, the military Government has refused to state how many prisoners it is holding, citing reasons of military sec-

The appeal to President Videls said the release of prisoners held without charges was a "deeply rooted national aspiration expressed by all social classes." social classes Among the signatories were

three Roman Catholic bishops, a Methodist bishop and two former senators.

The Permanent Assembly for Human Rights, a group of pro-minent citizens established last December, is chiefly concerned December, is chiefly concerned with attempting to trace the hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people who have disappeared during the past year after being abducted from their homes or in the streets by groups of armed men identifying themselves as members of ing themselves as members of the armed forces.

Some members of the group claim that many thousands of Argentines have disappeared in this way, but so far they say they have lists of only 600 fully documented cases.

The group employs some 15

lawyers to try to trace what it calls los desaparecidos (the disappeared ones) through petitions to military and government authorities. Habeas corpus pleas bave been published in some Buenos Aires newspapers, but according to informed sources, the news-papers concerned have now been told by the Government to stop publishing the lists, and they have stopped appear-ing during the past week.

Critical test over South Africa

From Peter Strafford New York, March 22

New York, March 22
The Security Council began
a debate last night which is
regarded as a critical test of
the new American policies towards Africa. The subject was
South Africa, and the African
countries made it clear that
they would be pressing for a
sign of a shift in the position
the Americans have taken at the
United Nations in the past.
Mr Leslie Harriman, the

Mr Leslie Harriman, the Nigerian representative, who is chairman of the African group at the United Nations, called on the United States, Britain and France not to repeat the vetoes which, he said, had protected the South African regime. Effective measures were needed he said, to deal with the grave situation in South Africa

All the ingredients which were needed for change in Southern Africa were there, Mr Harriman said. "Those who have helped and continue to assist the liberation process in Africa are automatically friends of Africa. The corollary is also valid. Those who don't are not."

demand they have made in the past for the declaration of a mandatory arms embargo, which has been veteod more than once by the three western powers, and pointed out that the General Assembly had called for the passing of such a resolu-tion by the Security Council.

But though the Africans have announced that they intend to present four resolutions before the Council, none had been tabled as the debate opened. The expectation was that negotiations would go on behind the scenes in an attempt to resolve differences At the centre of it all is Mr

Af the centre of it all is Mr Andrew Young, the new American representative, who is himself black and has a close rapport with President Carter. Mr Young has in the past made clear his support for the aspirations of blacks in Southern Africa but it remains to be seen how far he is restricted by instructions from Washington. Washington

Not the least of the complexi-ties is the fact that both Britain and France would be reluctant to see the adoption of nn't are not."

a mandatory arms embargo.

Exactly what the Africans Britain has always regarded will demand is still not clear. such a measure as the first step Mr Harriman spoke of the towards economic sanctions, such a measure as the first step

which it considers it cannot which it considers it cannot afford, while France. sells weapons to South Africa.

Mr Young is the present chairman of the Security Council. As the debate opened, several speakers spoke warmly of the attitude that he and President Carter had adopted towards Africa, and one of them addressed him as "brother". But these eulogies were followed by stiff demands for western support. for western support.

A point on which last night's speakers laid particular emphasis was investment by western countries in South Africa, and the need to end it. Mr Harrimen said that western invest-ments was being used to build up the South African armed forces, because of the imbal-ance in the South African bud-

The western community, he said, was becoming more and more involved in the destiny of South Africa. For instance, American investment had risen from \$286m (£168m) in 1960, the year of the Sharpeville riots, to more than \$1,600m now; West German investment had risen from almost nothing to more than \$1,000m and that of France from less than \$200m

Korchnoi defeats Petrosian to take chess lead

Lucca, March 22.—Viktor Korchnoi, the émigré Russian grandmaster, today won the eighth game in his world chess championship quarter-final against Tigran Petrosian, the Soviet former world champion. With only four games left to play in the 12-game match, Korchnoi now leads by a point In Rotterdam, Lajos Portisch of Hungary beat Bent Larsen of Denmark to take a 5-3 lead

lead
In Lucerne, Lev Polugayevsky of the Soviet Union and Henrique Mecking of Brazil drew their ninth game. In Reykjavik, Boris Spassky, the Soviet former world champion, and Vlastimil Hort of Czechoslovakia were level after 10 games, Hort having won the tenth game on Sunday.—

Bail declined

King William's Town, South Africa, March 22.-Mr Steve Atrica, March 22.—Mr Steve Bileo, the honotary president of the Black People's Convention, declined bail today after appearing in a court here on charges of defeating the ends of justice.

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Court of Appeal

Law Report March 22 1977

tion Authority Before Lord Denning, Master of

the Rolls, Lord Justice Orr and Lord Justice Scarman

A Muslim teacher was not entitled, either by the Education Act, 1944, or by the European Convention on Human Rights, to preferential treatment over other reachers to enable him to attend morque during school hours on Friday afternous.

nch troop delicate task in southern Africa visit

From Nicholus Ashford Dar es Salaam, March 22

Mr Nikolai Podgorny, the Soviet President, arrived in Arusha, northern Tanzania, this afternoon at the start of a 10-day visit to Tanzania, Zamhis and Mozambique, three of the "front line" states in the guerrilla war with Rhodesia.

Accompanied by a 120-member delegation, he is the first Russian leader to visit southern Africa and his presence here at a time when the sub-continent scems to be heading towards a racial and ideological confrontation is of more than symbolic significance.

He has come when Soviet influence in Africa is an its highest for years. The Chinese, who the Russims regard as their main rivals, have been collipsed in several countries. The Americans are still trying the produce a comprehensive to produce a comprehensive African policy while the former colonial powers have lost

much of the authority they had. The Russians' most spectacuwhere, through their Cuban allies, they simultaneously damaged American and Chinese prestige. President Neto of Angola is now a femiliar figure in Moscow and his political organization, the MPLA, is soon in transform itself into a Marx-

ist-Leninist party.

Maxambique, where the ruling Frelimo has also become a Marxist-Leninist party, has tilted towards Moscow since President Machel's visit there a year ago. The Russians are also well entrenched in other parts of Africa, notably Somalia (al-though the Somalis seem intent on loosening these ties now that Eussia is flirting with its neighbour, Ethiopia), the two Guineas and Congo.

Russian attention is now

alist unable Russian attention is now directed at white-ruled south-crn Africa and it has been stendily increasing its influence with the main nationalist groups—the Rhodesian Patriotic Front, the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) and the African National Congress of South Africa. Leaders of these movements have been to Moscow recently and the Soviet Union has become their main military supplier.

The Russians have opposed arremots to achieve peaceful solutions in Rhodesia and Namibia (South-West Africa), believing that any regime born out of negotiation rather than armed struggle would not be sufficiently Marxist or revolu-tionary. It seems likely that one of the results of President Podgorny's visit will be to in-

crease arms supplies to Swapo and the Patriotic Front.
However, the Russians will have to proceed cautiously if

Katangan gendarmes who invaded the Zaire province of

Shaba, formerly Katanga.

He told the official news agency, Zaire-Presse, that "in spite of stormy denials" from lar Fidel Castro, the Cuban leader, the Katangan gendarmes

had received military and ideo-logical training from the Cubans, "Radio messages moni-

fored at the front were in Swahili . but also in Portu-guese and Spanish," he added.

reports by the Zaire Govern-

Despite optimistic battlefront

The invaders continued to

drive the intruders back over

the Angola border. All information available in Kinshasa was sketchy and much of it appeared unreliable.

President Mobutu said Dr Castro and Mr Leonid Brezh

nev. the Soviet Communist Party leader had "bad consciencies". He continued: "The Soviet

He continued: "The Soviet Union has been trying, since the independence of Zaire, to

surround it with insecurity while, after freely defining our

of role in invasion

Zaire rejects Castro denial

Kinshasa, March 22.—President Mobutu reasserted today
that Cubans were leading the
Katangan gendarmes who inwith all our neighbours."

more skilful at negoriating among the quicksands of African politics than the former imperial powers have been. Even the adventure in Angola (which President Podgorny is not visiting) could backfire on Russia if the internal situation continues to deteriorate.

President Podgorfy's hosts also have cause to be suspicious of Russian motives although they appreciate support for the nationalist movements. All three countries have publicly criticized the Russians recently for what they regarded as un-warranted interference in their internal affairs, and would clearly not wish them now to become too directly involved with the nationalists. To a large extent therefore, Soviet policy in southern Africa will be contralled by the attitudes of the frontline presidents.

The main subject on Presidents.

dent Podrorny's talks with President Nyerere of Tanzania, President Nyerere of Zambia and President Machel will be Rhodesia, on which all three African leaders hold similar

negotiated settlement so long as there is a rapid transfer to as there is a rapid transfer to black rule. Until that can be achieved, they believe the enerrillo war must be intensified, but it must be fought by Rhodesians and not by any outside force. unless Mr Smith's Government receives direct military support from South Africa. The Presidents are expected

to emphasize that they want a sneedy conclusion to the Rhodesian conflict because their economies are suffering from it. They are also acutely aware of the dangers of an

aware of the dangers of an Angolan-type conflict developing if the fighting drags on.

Paradoxically, these dangers have been increased by the "frontline" presidents' decision in January to give exclusive support to the Patriotic Front. What was intended as a move to unify the nationalists move to unify the nationalists bas obviously failed. Bishop Muzorawa's African National Council continues to attract widespread support inside Rhodesia, while the two components of the Patriotic Front—Zapu and Zanu—are building up their own armies, both with

Soviet support.

President Podgorny is likely to reaffirm Russia's backing for the Patrioric Front and urge the "frontline" leaders to do the same. However, there are signs the Africans may be beginning to doubt the wisdom of their January decision. The Organization of African Unity is divided over whether to back crease arms supplies to Swapo and the Patriotic Front.

However, the Russians will have to proceed cautiously if they are not to suffer the same sort of reverses which they experienced elsewhere in Africa Unity is divided over whether to back Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe at the expense of the other notionalist leaders and the presidents are also aware of the dilemma they would be in if a Rhodesian referender. perienced elsewhere in Africa would be in if a Rhodesian in the past. The Soviet Union's referendum gave overwhelming record has shown that it is no support to Bishop Muzorewa.

He said it was important for

history to remember that weapons supplied by the Sovier

Union to the Marxist movement in Angola were the same that were being used by the Shaba

invaders " to decimate our com-

patriots who will never accept the Marxist ideology that the

USSR would want to impose

Answering charges that Zaire's appeals to the West and

the United States were intended

to win their confidence and

that some would like to destroy.

would like to give us a lesson, had to lead his offensive in the

island (of Cuba) by using American aid, a country with

which Zaire has friendly, equal, not subservient, rela-

Maputo: Dr Castro today ex-

"Fidel Castro himself, who



The Wall. A solitary Jew Herod destroyed Solomon. Jews come here to time as the temple.

lament the Roman destrucsitting before the Wailing tion of the city and its Wall, part of the 2,000-year- temple in the first century tion of the city and its platform on which AD. It was announced yesterbuilt Jerusalem's day that archaeologists had second temple to replace the uncovered part of Herod's temple of city wall, built at the same

Brezhnev warning fails to shake Mr Carter

From Fred Emery Washington, March 22

President Carter chose today not to be impressed with Mr Brezhnev's complaints vesterday over his criticism of human rights abuses in the Soviet Union. Instead Mr Carter noted that the Soviet party leader had indicated the Soviet Union's readiness to discuss a wide range of topics with the United

Mr Carter's response came in comments he was reported to have made to congressional leaders. He reiterated that he would continue speaking out against all human rights abuses. But, according to Senator Alan Cranston, the Democratic whip, Mr Carrer scorned chose who believed that Mr Brezhnev's comments showed that the Salt

arms talks were in dauger.

The President was reflecting the view of his senior policy a sur advisers. After close study of Mr Brezhnev's text, they dispute the interpretation that the Geney Sovier leadership was issuing a year.

The substance of Mr Brezhnev's speech was of particular interest to analysts. To them interest to analysts. it was a clear signal that the Russians are ready so perotiate across a wide spectrum with the new Administration—on nuclear weapons, on trade, on the Middle East, and on force reductions in Europe.

The Administration is espectally interested in the detailed Soviet discussion of Middle East policy, which is taken as a sure sign that the Soviet Union wishes to play a full part in the reconvening of the conference later this

More lose jobs for signing Charter 77

Prague, March 22.—At least 10 Czechoslovaks who signed the Charter 77 human rights manifesto have been dismissed from their jobs in recent weeks, according to sources in the human rights movement.

Ten other charter signatories were given notice in January. Some of those dismissed recently were not given any reason, while others were told

explicitly it was because they had signed the charter.

The manifesto, first circupressed a wish for closer cooperation between Cuba and Mozambique. lated last December, accuses the Czechoslovak authorities of Luanda: Augola today accused the Zaire Air Force of bombing three villages in its Eastern failing to implement the human rights declarations rati-

Moxico province, adjacent to fied last year. Mr Karel Kyncl, a Dubcek Shaba province. Windhoek: Black nationalist era radio and relevision comguerrillas have cut water sunmentator, was dismissed from his white collar job explicitly plies from Angola to northern centres in South-West Africa (Namibia).—AP, Reuter and for signing the charter, as was Dr Suzana Dienstrierova, a psy-

Poet calls on Americans to boycott Sofia

Moscow, March 22-Vladi-mir Kornilov, a poer expelled from the Soviet Writers' Union at the weekend, today appealed to three leading American to three leading American novelists to withdraw their support from a meeting of writers in Sofia to discuss how

Addressing his appeal to John Updike, John Cheevor and Erskine Caldwell, he said they would be sitting next to Soviet colleagues who condoned the punishment of people who had dared to speak out for had dared to speak out for individual rights.

among signatories of a letter published last week in the Literary Gazette calling on writers from Europe, the United States and Canada to support the conference in June

desisted from his human rights of crusade. The advisers say Mr Brezhnev's expostulation was to be expected, being designed to put Mr Vance, the Secretary of State, who meets the Soviet Government in Moscow next week, at a disadvantage in the necotiations. The subspace of Mr Brezh and Mariott Two women inspectors of motor The subspace of Mr Brezh and Sain Before Mr Justice Phillips, Mr L. T. Taylor and Ms P. Smith and Mrs A. L. T. Taylor and Ms P. Smith and Mrs A. L. T. Taylor and Ms P. Smith and Ball Before Mr Justice Phillips, Ms P. Smith and Mrs A. L. T. Taylor and Ms P. Smith and Mrs A. L. T.

gory by the employers so they earned more than

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The Appeal Tribunal allowed

man's contract if the employer proves that the variation is genuinely due to a material difference (other than the difference of sex) between her case and his." Mr Anthony Lester, QC, and Mr Michael Beloff for Miss Snoxell and Mrs Dayles; Mr Anthony Grabiner for Vauxhall.

Mr Anthony Boswood for Charles Early & Marriott; Mr

the judgment of the Appeal Tributal, said that the principal issue in each case concerned the correct treatment of the practice of "red circling". It was someof "red circling". It was some-times necessary to protect the wages of an employee moved from a better paid type of work to a worse paid type of work, perhaps because the first was no longer being undertaken. It gave longer being undertaken. It gave rise to an anomaly between the wages of a transferred employee and those of the existing or new employees doing the same work who would be paid less. It was customary when arranging sched-ules or wage tables to distinguish

that the men were all red circle The situation had given rise to much feeling and difficulty. Employers had difficulties. It was

The staff code allowed teachers to have time off for special days to have time off for special days in their religion when no work was to be done, such as Good Friday for Christians, the Day of Atonement for Jews, and Ramadin for Muslims. But that provision did not apply to working days, like Fridays, Other members of the creft thought that it has of the staff thought that it was unfair for Mr Ahmad to have Friday afternoons off each week on full pay. The issue was referred to the authority.

The authority took the view that if Mr Ahmad wanted to take time off on Fridays for his prayers, he could only be fitted in as a part-time teacher, doing 4! days a week and heing paid for 4! days; but they "oul see that his peason rights were not prajudiced. Mr Ahmad was not willing to

mosque during school hours on Friday afternoons.

The Court of Appeal, in reserved integenents, Lord Justice Scarmen directions, dismissed an appeal by Mr Iffikhar Ahmad, a Auslim schoolreacher, of Chesterton Terrace, Plaistow, Irom the Employment Appeal Tribunal's decision, upholding that of an industrial tribunal, that he had not been unfairly dismissed or forced to resign his position as a full-time teacher with the Junor London Education Authority by being refused leave to take time off on Friday afternoons to attend pravers at a mosque.

Mr Ahmad, who relied on section 30 of the Education Act, claimed that he was forced to become a temporary part-time

cisimed that he was forced to become a temporary part-time teacher, doing only 41 days a week and being puid accordingly.

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused.

Section 30 of the Education Act, 1944, provides: "... no person shall he disqualified by reason of his religious opinions, or of his attending or omitting to artend religious worship, from being a tracker ... and no teacher ... shall be required to give religious instruction or receive any less emolument or be deprived of, or disqualified for, any promotion or other advantage by reason of the fact that he does or does not give religious instruction or by reason fact that he does or does not give religious instruction or by reason of his religious opinions or of his attending or omitting to attend religious worship..."

Mr Oliver Thorold for Mr Ahmad; Air Raymond Kidwell, QC, and Mr Graeme Hamilton for the authority.

the authority.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Mr Ahmad, as a full-time teacher, had to attend school and teach the children Mondays to Fridays each week, with a break for luncheou from 12.30 pm to

1.30 pm.
He was a devout Muslim. By He was a devout Muslim. By his religion it was his duty every Friday to attend prayers at the nearest mosque. The time for prayers was 1 pm to 2 pm and the mosque was about 15 to 20 minutes away. When he went to his prayers he did not get back at 1.30 pm in time to teach his class. He returned at 2.15 pm or 2.20 pm, so he missed about 45 minutes of his teaching duty every

One headmaster, at a school for unladjusted children, made arrangements to cope with his absence. Other headmasters in ordinary schools could not do so. His absence disrupted the classes too much. It meant he had Friday afternoons off. But Mr Abmad still went to his Friday prayers. He said that he was entitled to do so

Muslim teacher not entitled to time off to pray

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accept that proposal. He resigned in protest. He said that he was heling exploited and hemiliated by the authority. He claimed for unfair dismissal saving that his "employer's conduct forced me

to resign."

M Air Ahmad's resignation was brought about by the employer's conduct he was empiled to treat it as dismissal: the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act. 1974, Schedule 1, paragraph 5(2)(c); but the question whether it was a fair or unfair dismissal would depend on whether the employer acted reasonably: paragraph 6(8). He had relied on section 30 of the Education Act which was inserted to protect the position of the Education Act which was in-serted to protect the position of teachers. If the section was read literally, without qualification, it would entitle Mr Ahmad to take time off every Friday afternoon for his prayers without loss of pay, His Lordship did not think that that was ever intended. The school intertally with the usual excellenime-table, with the usual teaching hours, was well known to Mr Ahmad when he applied for the teaching post. If he wished to have overy Friday afternoon off for his prayers, either he ought not to have applied for the post, or he wished to have a to have a proper of the post, or he wight to have a proper to have the post, or he wight to have a proper to have the post, or he was to have a proper to have the post, or he was the post of the post, or he was the post of the p ought to have made it clear at the outset and entered into a 41-day engagement only.

Section 30 could be applied to

Section 30 could be applied to the situation perfectly well by reading it as subject to the qualification "if the school time-table so permits". So read, it means that Mr Ahmad was to be estitled to attend for religious worship during the working week if it could be arranged consistently with could be arranged consistently with his performing his teaching duties under his contract of employment. It had been so interpreted by the great majority of Muslim teachers who did not take time off for their prayers. The tribunal said that none of the other education authorities had ever received such a request from Muslim staff and that the problem would seem to be unique to Mr Ahmad.

Lord Justice Scarman had drawn attention to article 9 of the

attention to article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights. The Convention was not

Article 9 was in such vague and general terms that it could be used for all sorts of unreasonable claims and provoke all sorts of inigation. As so often happened with high-sounding principles, they had to be brought down to earth and applied in a work-a-day world. It would do the Muslim community no good, or any other minority group no good, if they were to be given preferential treatment over the great majority of the people. If in the name of religious freedom they were given special privileges or advantages it would provoke discontent, and even resentment among those with whom they worked. And so the cause of racial integration would suffer. While upholding religious general terms that it could be used

cause of racial integration would suffer. While upholding religious freedom to the full, his Lordship would suggest that it should be applied with caution, especially having regard to the setting in which it was sought.

There was nothing in the Convention to give Mr Abmad any right to manifest his religion in derogation of his contract of employment; and certainly not on full pay. The appeal should be dismissed.

dismissed.

LORD JUSTICE ORR, concurring, said that section 30 could not be construed as authorizing a breach of contract by a teacher in absenting himself during school hours for the purpose of attending religious worship.

Article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights provided that "Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion", but it was expressly made subject to "such limitations by the State as are prescribed by law and are mecessary in a democratic society.

for the protection of the construed as entitling an employee to absent himself, for the purpose of religious worship, from his place of work during working hours and in breach of his contract of employment. LORD JUSTICE ORR, concur-

hours and in breach of his contract of employment.

LORD JUSTICE SCARMAN, dissenting, said that Mr Ahmad had had no problem until 1974, when he was transferred to a school within easy reach of a mosque. The Koran required every Muslim man to attend a mosque for congregational prayer every Friday unless he could bring himself within an exception specified in the Koran. His transfer deprived him of any excuse recognized as accoptable by Islam.

excuse recognized as acceptable by Islam.

The true construction of section 30 was at the beart of the case. The five-day school week took care of the Sabbath and the Sunday as days of special religious observance. But with the advent of new religious groups in our society section 30 assumed a new importance. Was it an infringement of section 30 for a local education authority to refuse a Moslim time off to go to the mosque on Friday unless he

Religious such as Islam and Buddhism had substantial followhad to be found for teachers and pupils of the new religions in the educational system if discrimination was to be avoided. That called for a policy of understanding. The system must be made sufficiently flexible to accommosufficiently flexible to accommo-date their beliefs and their observances.

Since 1944 the United Kingdom had accepted international obligations designed to protect human rights and freedoms. There had been a series of statutes designed been a series of statutes designed for that purpose. They included the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974, the Employment Protection Act, 1975, the Sex Discrimination Act, 1975, and the race relations legislation, which had been enacted after the United Kingdom had ratified the European Convention on Human Rights and in the light of our obligations under the Charter of the United Nations.

Section 30 bad to be construed

Section 30 had to be construed today not against the background of the law and society of 1944 but in a multiracial society which but in a multiracial society which had accepted international obligations and enacted statutes designed to eliminate discrimination on grounds of race, religion, colour, or sex.

The present case began with the law of contract, but it ended

the law of contract, but it ended with the application to the par-ticular circumstances of Mr Abmad of the new law associated with the protection of the individual's human rights and fundamental freedoms.

A narrow construction of the section was in conflict with the developments in society to which his Lordship had referred. It would mean that a Muslim, who took his religious duty seriously, could never accept employment as could never accept employment as a full-time teacher but must be content with the lesser emolu-ments of part-time service.

In modern British society, with its elaborate statutory protection of the individual from discriminaof the individual from discrimination arising from race, colour,
religion, or sex, and against the
background of the European
Convention, that was unacceptable.
Section 30 should be construed
broadly in accordance with the
spirit of the age. It means that the
teacher was not to receive less
emolument by reason only that
during school hours he attended
religious worship. The right to go
to church, chapel, temple, or
mosque, whether it was inside
or outside the school, which
section 30 conferred on the
teacher, had to be read into his
full-time contract.

The choice which the authority

The choice which the authority had forced on Mr Ahmed west antamount to dismissal from fuil-time employment. It was unfair, and he was entitled to reinvalous ment or compensation. His Lord-ship would allow the appeal.

Solicitors: Hilary Fassnidge; Mr R. A. Lanham.

Employment Appeal Tribunal

Women car inspectors win same rates as men at Vauxhall

Two women inspectors of motor machine parts were held to be entitled to 'equality of pay with male inspectors who did the same work but who were "red circled or placed in a protected pay care-bors by the employees so that

women.

The Appeal Tribugal rejected the employers' contention that the variation in pay was due to a sermine differenc within section 1(3) of the Equal Pay Act, 1970, and held that where past sex discrimination had contributed to the variation an employer could not rely on section

appeals in two cases involving the correct treatment of the red circling practice. In one they allowed appeals by Miss Sylvia Snoxell and Mrs Sylvia Davies against the rejection by a Bedford industrial tribunal of their claims to equality of pay from the employers. Vauxhall Motors Ltd, with male machine part inspectors in a protected pay cate-

gory.

In the other the tribunal allowed an appeal by employers Charles Early and Marriott (Witney) Ltd., from a decision of a Reading industrial tribunal grant-ing applications for equal pay by the employees, Mrs Denise Smith and Mrs Shells Ball, ticket writers,

and Mrs Shells Ball, ticket writers, and remitted the case for an industrial tribunal to consider the origin of the red circling in the factory and whether the employers had fulfilled the onus of proof under section 1(3).

Section 1(3) provides: "An equality clause shall not operate in relation to a variation between the woman's contract and the man's contract if the employer proves that the variation is

Grabiner for Vauxuall.

Mr Anthony Boswood for
Charles Early & Marriott; Mr
J. A. Couch, solictor, for Mrs
Smith and Mrs Ball.

MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS, reading

wes or wage tables to distinguish such transferred employees by circling or ringing them in red; beuce the phrase "red circling" or "red ringing". As until recently women were customarily paid less than men, it often happened, as in the present case, that where men and women were en-gaged on like work all the women were paid less than any of the men, and it was sought to justify the discrimination on the ground

American and British troops shed their blood in a war here. They did not make that sacrifice to keep President Park in power. They did not make that sacrifice to keep President Park in power. They did not make that sacrifice to keep President Park in power. They did not make that sacrifice to keep President Park in power. They did not make that sacrifice to keep President Park in power. They did not make that sacrifice to keep President Park in power. They did not make that sacrification in the president park in the property with the property wit

section 1(3) of the Act.

The burden on the employer was a heavy one. An industrial tribunal had to be satisfied that the employers had ghown that the prima facie discrimination in the field of pay was due to a difference other than sex. At the extremes it was easy amough. The difficulty lay in the cases in between. Was it relevant to consider whether the red circling was permanent or temporary; whether its origin lay in sex discrimination; whether it had been the subject of negotiation; whether it was a closed group; and whether the women were able equally with the men to transfer between grades?

benveen grades ? Miss Snoxell and Mrs Davies had between graces?

Miss Snoxell and Mrs Davies had been employed for many years as inspectors of motor machine parts. They worked with male inspectors including a group (the red circle) of inspectors designated OX. The inspectors in that group were paid at a higher rate than the appellants, although they were doing the same work. The appellants claimed equal pay.

The original grade which became red circled was a male grade. Thus there were no women whose pay and status in the old wage structure before its reorganization in 1970 had to be protected. Accordingly, there were no women who were red circled. The continuation of the red circled category was not subject to a fixed time limit or to any phasing-out provisions.

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Mr Lester contended that but for the fact that they were women the appellants would have been part of the red circle category, and after the Equal Pay Act came into operation on December 29, 1975, would have been paid at the same rate as the meu. That conclusion, not seriously challenged by Mr Grabiner, was correct.

correct.

On the construction and application of section 1(3) and the provisions of European Community law, the Appeal Tribunal accepted the view expressed in Amies v Inner London Education Authority (The Times, December 3, 1976) (The Times, December 3, 1976) that it was not open to a claimant before an industrial tribunal to seek to enforce an enforceable Community right. Such a claim would have to be founded in the High Court. The Sex Discrimination Act, 1975, and the Equal Pay Act had to be construed so as to give effect to the principle enshrined in article 119 of the Treaty of Rome. Member states had in force different systems of equal pay based on different criteria. The Equal Pay Act seemed to be in conformity with the requirements of the principle. So far as industrial tribunals and So far as industrial tribunals and the Appeal Tribunal were conthe Appeal Tribunal were con-ceroed, the correct approach was to give effect to Defreme v Subena (1976) ICR 547) which decided that article 119 had to be directly applied in the courts of member states, by construing and applying the Equal Pay Act in conformic with the article. It would thus be unnecessary for a claimant to make a separate claim specifically under article 119 and It would be understood that a it would be understood that a a claimant to any remedy which he could claim under article 119. The obligation to apply article 119 was fulfilled by construing the Act

Further assistance was to derived from article 119 in the construction of section 1(3). A loose application of the subsection loose application of the subsection would have resulted in the principle of article 119 not being observed in practice. Caution was therefore required before accepting an employer's answer under section 1(3) that the variation was due to a red circle anomaly. do with sex discrimination.

The solution depended on whether, in analysing the history of the difference in treatment of Miss Snoxell and Mrs Dayles on

Alls Shoxel and Mrs Davies on the one hand and the red circle male inspectors on the other, one stopped at the moment of the formation of the circle or looked farther back to see why the appellants where not in it. The early distributions on the still at the still at the second be a side of the still at the second be a side of the second beautiful at the second be discrimination could be said to be an effective cause of the current variation. The onus of proof under section 1(3) was a heavy one. Intention and motive were irrelevant. An employer could never actablish in the terms of never establish in the terms of section 1(3) that the variation between the woman's contract and the man's contract was genuinely due to a material difference other than sex between her case and his when it could be seen that post sex discrimination had contributed to the variation. To allow such

to the variation. To allow such an answer by an employer would be contrary to the spirit and intent of the Equal Pay Act. It could not have been the intention of the Act to permit the perpetuation of the effects of earlier discrimination. Accordingly Vauxhall had not made good their answer under section 1(3) and the appellants succeeded. under section 1(3) and the appellants succeeded.

The effect was that the appellants would be placed within the red circle. The question arose whether male inspectors outside the red circle doing the same work as the appellants inside it would succeed in a claim for equality under section 1(13) of the Act, which gave a man a right to claim equal pay with a woman. The effect upon a delicately poised wages structure was likely to be far reaching.

Mrs Smith and Mrs Ball were paid less for doing the same work as a male ticket writer who was red circled. The industrial tribunal had not specifically referred to the Equal Pay Act but had awarded the women senal as The the women equal pay. The employers had sought to justify the discrimination on the ground that the male employee was protected. There was no reason to suppose that his red circling was directly or indirectly attributable to an act of sex discrimination. The case threw up for considera-tion the stuation where wages were protected for good reasons and the differential was main-

The correct approach for an industrial tribunal where an employer claimed that a variation was due to a material difference other than sex was to analyse all the circumstances of the case : it the circumstances of the case; if was unwise merely to say that a particular case was a red circle case. In practice most cases involved several features and if was probably only rarely that a red circle situation arose in its purist form. If there was a case where it could be shown that there

be due to a material difference other than sex. Thus in the case of Miss Snoxeli the Appeal Triounal would not expect a claim by

male inspector outside the red circle to succeed.
It was desirable where possible It was desirable where possing for red circles to be phased out and eliminated for they were bound to give rise to confusion and misundersmuding.

Mrs Smith's case would have to be remitted to an industrial fribution of them to a committee the crime.

nal for them to examine the original for them to examine the origin of the red circling and generally to look at all the facts in order to see whether the employer had satisfied the requirements of section 1(3).

In Miss Soutell's case it was necessary to consider the form of

necessary to consider the form of the order. It was argued that the interaction of Community law and interaction of Community law and the Equal Pay Act enabled the women to claim to a date two years back from the date of the cummencement of the proceedings, in March, 1976, despite the fact that the Act did not come lato operation until December 29, 1975. Mr Lester contended that the proceedings commenced by the two women under the Act were the equivalent of proceedings under article 119 and that in conformity with Defrenne the date of the coming into operation of the Act should not be treated as forming a limitation point beyond which a claim could not extend back.

It was not easy to decide. It

a claim could not extend back.

It was not easy to decide. It did not seem that the present claims made under the Act were claims directly under article 119. There was no inconsistency between the article and the Act which would have meant construing the Act subject to the article. The most that could be said was that between January 1, 1973 (the date of the accession of the United Kingdom) and December 29, 1975, no particular means was open to no particular means was open to an individual to enforce his rights under article 119 except by an action brought directly in the High action brought directly in the High Court. That did not amount to a denial to an individual of his rights under article 119. Accordingly the claims of Miss Spoxell and Mrs Davies could only relate back to December 29, 1975.

In both cases the appeals would be allowed. It was declared that the terms of the contracts of Miss Snoxell and Mrs Davies should be treated as so modified as to

be treated as so modified as to be no less favourable than those of the red circled inspectors and the case would be remitted to the industrial tribunal for arrears of remuneration from December 29, 1975, to be determined. The other case would be remitted to a different industrial tri

bunal for rehearing.

Leave to appeal would be granted in both cases. Solicitors: Bindman and Part-ners; Slaughter and May. J. F. Kelemen; Pattinson and

Duty to specify cause of action

Stanley Hugh Leach Ltd v Haringey London Borough Council

An arbitrator in a building con-tract case was wrong in not specifying the cause of action or the head of chain in respect of which he made an interim award, Sir Douglas Frank, QC (sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division) said when setting aside an award of £146,000 to the claimants, Stanley Hugh Leach Ltd, builders, and remitted it for re-consideration by the arbitrator. HIS LORDSHIP said that the claimants had claimed an addi-tional payment under the contract or on a quantum meruit against An arbitrator in a building conor on a quantum meruit against

their favour without specifying the cause of action or the head of cause of action or the negot of claim to which it related. It was not possible for the arbitrator to conclude that at least £146,000 was due to the claimants until the cause of action had been established. Moreover, the arbitrator could not have reached the conclusion without deciding the validity of the heads of claim which would make up the money. Where a claimant sought an interim award, he must elect his cause of action and stirulate the heads of claim in resect of which he in effect said there was no

an interim award of £146,000 in

ment, there was growing evidence today that the invading hatnongly. It was learnt that Katangan gendarmes were firmly entrenched and fighting strongly. It was learnt that the town of Kasaji, which Zaire claimed to have recap-tured from the insurgents, was no longer under Government control. control the towns of Sandoa, Kapanga, Dilolo and Kesenge despite Government reports of massive bombing raids "which is said were helping to

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Judge refuses to try abducted Botswana men

From Our Own Correspondent Salisbury, March 22 A Rhodesian judge today refused to hear a case against two Botswanan cirizens, abducted from Botswana by Rhodesian troops and charged with illegal arms possession.

Sir Hugh Beadle, the former Chief Justice sitting as judge oresident of one of the special courts which try African nationalist guerrillas, critcized the Rhodesian security forces. urity forces.

He said the court had no

jurisdiction to hear the case. it were to do so, he said, it would mean that this court pudoned the allegal abduction f Botswana nationals who, at o material time, were resident or present in Rhodesia". Sir Hugh went on: "To allow states not at war with ach other to willy-nilly invade ach other's territory and capure each other's nationals not conducive to preserving

'w and order."

Korean opposition leader jailed

From Peter Hazeihurst Seoul, March 22

Mr Kim Dae Jung, the South Korean opposition leader, and 17 others were sentenced to imprisonment today by the Supreme Court for criticizing the constitution and President Park Chung Hee's emergency decrees at a prayer meeting in Seoul's Myongdong Cathedral.

As the court rose, some of the accused, including Mr kim, were hustled into a black maria and driven away from a cheering crowd of supporters. Mr Kim, who is 52 and President Park's main political opponent, was jailed for five

Five others were allowed to return to their homes after the Attorney General suspended their sentences. They included Mr Yun Po Sun, aged 80 and a former President; Mr Ham Suk Hun, a 76-yer-old Quaker known as Korea's "Mahatma Gandhi"; and Mr Chyung Yil Hyung, aged 73, a former Foreign Minister. The sentence

will cost Mr Chyung his seat in the National Assembly. The sentences were

announced after the Chief Justice, presiding over a full panel of 16 judges, rejected their convictions in lower come . COURTS.

Within hours of the judgment, Mr Yun and Mr Ham challenged the regime again by issuing a similar statement and demanding the revision of the constitution. (Under the emer gency decrees, South Koreans are prohibited from criticizing the constitution or the decrees themselves.

The declaration, called Charter for Freedom", was endorsed by Mr Chyung, whose 63-year-old wife was jailed for three years. He said: "We have no regrets. We demand two things. The constitution must be changed and Park must step down. It is time he went home and tilled the

Earlier, wives and relatives of those jailed, including Mrs Kim, were manhandled by the police after they left the court and marched towards the centre of Seoul singing hymns and the American civil rights appeals by the accused against freedom song, "We Shall Over-Afterwards, Mrs Kim said

she was not surprised by the judgment. "The judiciary is not independent", she added. "This is clearly an act of political retribution." Mr Yun, the former president. said: "This is a secret

police state. I am willing to

make the sacrifice for democracy. But we need outside support. The United States and Britain have got the right to interfere in the question of human rights here. Both missible to reduce the wages of

literature can help to spread "the spirit of Helsinki".

The three Americans were

Neither side

or footing in

By: Tom German
Everton 0

For one night at least championship hopes and any lingering artieties about relegation supplanted the licking of hips over next month's purely domestic FA Cup setul-final tie for Merseyside; Everton and Liverpool locked in their 116th "derby" at Goodison Park last night had more immediate objectives uppermost in their thoughts, and each, in the end, perhaps had cause to be content that neither lost appreciable ground or face.

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diagonal run of 50 or 60 yards which took him from the left

Middlesbrough's

lariter 3 Carlisle 4 Bolton's promotion hopes took a knock when they were beaten by lowly Carlisle in a seven-goal thriller. Paul Jones, the Bolton centre lief, who is in the Lariend squad, was watched by Don Revie, but he struggled.

Georgetown, Gnyana, March 22.

A century partnership between
Majid Khan and Zaheer Abbas put

Majid Khan and Zaheer Abbas put Pakistan well on the way to recovery on the fourth day of the third Test match against West Indies here today.

Majid and Zaheer, who came together 53 minutes before the cluse of play on Sunday, brought up their 100 partnership in 108 minutes as Pakistan reached 168 without loss in their second innings will-way through the morning's

Cricket

Pakistan

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Carlisle 4

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By: Tom German

All that does not glister is golden to Rangers

By Norman Fox Football Correspondent

() P Rangers 0 Manchester C 0 What Dave Sexton, the Queen's What Dave Sexton, the Queen's hark Rangers manager last right alled "an upbil battle," ending with a "golden" point at Lottus Road, belping his team climb away from the relegation area, was omething less dramatic and highly gilded to the uncommitted. Manchester City in need of both points to keep them in touch with the championship leaders, also seemed surprisingly satisfied. Hen though they scorned probably milt a dozen chances.

The fixture had been detalved

The fixture had been devalued by recent performances by both reams and the number of absences, mostly on Rangers' side. Without Bowles and francis to bring variety and ideas, and life intook to secure the defence, they were accountably poor. City, who had lost four of their last six games, and with them possibly the chance of carbling Liverpool, were without Doyle in the course of defence. Rangers also lost thomas with a thigh strain after minutes.

To minutes.

With such omens to overcome the game started in ill favour.

Linke of the ensuing evidence improved the annosphere or enter-ainment. City were often dependent only on Tueart and dependent only on Tueart and Royle in the centre.

Kidd, in a midfield position, did show confident control. Although in the second half farnes also impressed with his promising runs down the line equally. Perhaps the first actually, Perhaps the first actually. Perhaps the first actually actually

At least five changes, not all cuforced by the long list of injured, will be made when Don Revie comes to choose his team to play Luxembourg in a World Cup qualifying manch at Wembley trader today. Of the five shear-

Cup qualifying match at Wembley a week today. Of the five absented from the side outclassed by the Dutch last month, Doyle, Greenhoff and Bowles have become victims of this ardnous part of the season, but Brooking, the West Ham United midfield player who has been in the past 13 parties, and Madeley, who was brought in to play against the hurch, when Thompson and McFarland dropped out, have been omitted.

that Mr Revie has had to search for adequate defensive cover for

for adequate defensive cover for a game which, in spite of all recent performances, England should win by several goals. Luxembourg have already been beaten 7—1 by Finland and 4—1 by Italy in the World Cup group and are considered the block out of which England and Italy will hope to bew advantages in 2001 difference. Mr Revie has come up with two uncapped defenders,

difference. Mr Revie has come up with two uncapped defenders, Paul Jones, of Bolton Wanderers, and John Gidman, of Aston Villa, and a new forward in Mariner, of Ipswich Town. Taibot, the Ipswich midfield player, is the fourth uncapped member of the party.

party.
Gidman's recognition was expucted. His appetite for adventurous bursts out of defence has brought some criticism but a good deal of success for Aston Villa. It chosen against a modest Luxembers of the beauty of the same has it less likely to be

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caught out by counteratracks than against a side of higher quality. Jones is brought into consideration because Thompson. McFarland, Doyle and Greenhoff, all central defenders, are unavailable. He was a member of last season's

inous of the situation is

several goals in mind



Masson (left) kicks a shot from Kidd (extreme right) off the line.

followed by well measured centres found himself working without the that were not accepted. There was an unnatural reservation about City's outlook against a team obviously below strength. Inaccurate passes were also the curse of the game and shared equally. Perhaps the first astounding missake was a bitter preview. After 10 minutes Givens

support or, apparemly, the interest of midfield players who refused to explore beyond the half-way line. Kidd continued to solder otherwise detached City mores, but the chances of the might were almost all the direct results of mistakes.

Masson cleared a header from Booth off fire line and in the second balf Tueart was twice offered opportunities to secure an undescried win. Barnes, naturally provided the first chance when he made yards of space on the wing and centred in front of Tueart who was immediately in from of goal. A short header from a couple of yards bounced in front of Parkes, who fell on the ball.

It was Liverpool who asserted themselves in the second half of a busy match in which both sides Parkes again saved Rangers, but this time unwittingly, when Tucart found himself unmarked in front a busy match in which both sides were prepared, given the chance, to thrust forward. Indeed, Liverpool might just have had two or three goals in that second period, but, Everton had them ill at ease in the opening 20 minutes, with a stream of high balls for the taller elements in the side to move to. Clemence was more active at that stage than for many a match. His most awkward moment came of goal and volleyed a short shot. Parkes was going the wrong way, but the hall rebounded off his legs.
Mistakes flowed unabated, and if it had not been for the sad fact that five of the England party for next week's World Cup match

England changes made with Taylor opens floodgates for Mariner's celebration under-23 party and although he has not chosen to play, his clab form for Bolton both in the second division and League Cup, in which Bolton reached the semifinal round, has been impressive. He is preferred to Paul Futcher, the Luton Town defender, who is also having a fine susson.

Ipswich Town 4 West Ham Utd 1 Paul Mariner celebrated his call-up to the England party by killing off West Ham United with three superb second half goals in just 12 minutes at Portman Road. It 12 minutes at Portman Road. It was enough to give Ipswich the 4-1 win which takes them back to the top of the First Division.

But it needed an astonishing own goal by Tommy Taylor, recalled to the heart of the West Ham defence, to open the floodgates and let in Mariner, and Ipswich. Until then, lowly West Ham looked capable of stealing a point from an Ipswich side desperate to put behind them the austerity of a mere two goals in their last four games.

It took long enough to achieve.

also having a fine statson.

The unsuccessful experiment of playing against the Durch without an orthodox centre forward will almost certainly mean that Air Revie will play one of his stronger and talter forwards. Channon, who was dropped for that match, Royle and Pearson are all tried candidates in the party of 23, together with Mariner whose sharpness in the Ipswich attack could be most useful to England in their efforts to build a large score. The inclusion of Manchester United's winger. Hill, and City's Tueart, suggests that Air Revio may be looking for width in attack with a "target" in the middle. The call for "typical" English football after the last game seems to bave been heard. It took foug emough to achieve, but will none the less do wonders for theirs, and Mariner's confidence.

fidence.

They began with the polse and confidence of a side clearly expecting to put their lowly opponents in their place. Work and Taibot pushed them eagerly forward-from midfield with Burley overlapping powerfully on the right and Woods threatening danger every time he took on Bonds on the other flank. And locking as though his call-up had done wonders for his confidence. Marker hald the line together well, and was a great threat in the air.

to have been heard.

The England party is:

R. Chemence Liverpool), 28, 25
caps; P. Shilton (Stoke City), 27,
21; J. Corrigan (Manchester City),
28, 1; D. Clement (Queen's Park
Rangers), 28, 5; K. Beattle
(Ipstick Town), 22, 8; C. Todd
(Derby County), 28, 26; D.
Watson (Manchester City), 28, 18;
E. Hughes (Liverpool), 29, 41;
P. L. Jones (Bolton Wanderers),
21, 0; J. Gidman (Aston Villa),
23, 0; T. Cherry (Leeds United),
25, 6; B. Talbot (Ipswich Town),
23, 0; R. Kennedy (Liverpool), But for all their retentiess pace and pressure the Ipswich fluishing was typical of their recent lean run. After 20 minutes, when 0; R. Keunedy (Liverpool), 4; R. Wilkins (Chelsea), 20, K. Keegan (Liverpool), 25, 27; Tueart (Manchester City), 27, L. Brothe Manchester City), 27, Osbarne's shot was crouded out leaving Woods with only Day to beet, his bestation allowed the keeper to block him. Then Osborne wanted far too long to pick his snot after Martiner had climbed high to lay off Woods's cross; and again Day smothered 3; J. Royle (Manchester City), 27, 5; S. Penrson (Manchester United), 27, 7; T. Francis (Birm-ingham City), 22, 1; M. Channon (Southampton), 28, 28; G. Hill (Manchester United), 23, 3; P. Mariner (Ipswich Town), 23, 0.

the danger. Talbot's free kick gave Euriey a cross which Mariner volleyed only inches too high. Although West Ham were mostly fighting on the retreative could well have gine advantationed the home defence. Pike forced Cooper to a good sure end the home keeper only just got his flogers to a long sint from Lampard at the end of a seven-man West Ham move. Even after the break, he had to save bravely to

prevent Pike sazpping West Ham in Leuit.
Then, suddenly, in just over a quarter of an hour, the West Ham bubble burst. Bonds earned a booking for a late tackle on his tormentor, Woods. From Talbor's free-lick, Taylor astounded every-body by heading neatly into his own net. It was all over now, but Mariner's three goals firmly established the real difference in class.

established the real difference in class.

First, & Mills free bick to Woods was nodded on by Osborne giving Mariner time to turn and score easily. Three minutes larer, following Woods's corner, Mariner followed up devastatingly after Mills's header came back off the bar. And finally, when Brooking slipped and allowed him to race clear, he picked his spot with supreme confidence. And but for a brilliant reaction save by Day, he would have had a fourth. Robson's penalty four mismaes from time after Talbor's foal on Devonshire was little consolation to the Londoners. The road altend looks hard for them.

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Football results and goal scorers

First division

Everion 100 0 Liverson 101 0 Crystal P (0) 1 Present 100 0 St. Source 101 1 Tony Waddington has resigned there it years as manager of the city. The cith's chairman, also the city. The cith's chairman, also that the same testing although the Waddington, the Football League's longest serving manager, offered his resignation on Monday night. Mr Henshalf said that the board had eccepted Mr Waddington has been seeing and night showld both in results and gates. They have won just three of their last 15 games authorite break rather than he with crowing troublest problem. Second division Botton (0) 3 Carliste (2) 4
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Boxing

Waddington decides to go

tumplete break tather than become general manager with crowds dropping to about 14,000.

Mr Waddington, who is 52, has stoke's assistant namager, seen under considerable strain in George Eastham, said that he had been asked to take over as carean spending about £730,000 on a taken manager.

Minter in title eliminator

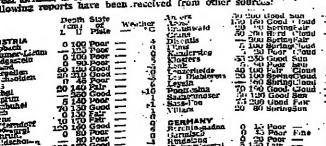
Alan Minter, of Crawley, Britain's European middleweight thampion meets Rounde Harris of Canton, Ohio. over 10 rounds at 11st 6lb at the Albert Hall, London, on April 12. The bout is billed as an eliminator for the world title held by Carlos Monzou. Harris, who won the Olympic Terreira, who won the Olympic Terreira. Ferreira has drawn 23 hightweight title in 1968 in Mexico of his 113 professional bouts. Of his 12 professional career but is undefeated

Latest European snow reports

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Great Britain, I refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes,
following reports have been received from other sources:



Athletics

Non-appearance money is appearing now

By Cliff Temple Athletics Correspondent

While the Intermational Amateur Athletic Federation offer do immediate hope of any easing in thelic land line on the question of illegal "appearance" payments to amateur athletes, the subject has recently taken on a new aspect with allegations about what could be called "non-appearance" payments.

Promoters of indoor athletics events in the United States bare Promoters of indoor athletics events in the United States have recently complained that athletes who had agreed to run at their meetings had been paid large sums by the sponsors of rival events not to appear, thus enhancing speciator value at their meetings. hancing speciator value at their meetings.

Accusations like this, and the indicabledly spiralling values of certain big-manie athletes, are the reasons which have set the problem of "shamateurism" constantly on the table of the LAAF. Net the federation would far rather, I suspect, spend their time seveloping the sport throughout the world than in having constantly to try to catch out an athlete who drops his guard for a moment and is revealed as a (dreadad word) protessional.

In San Sebastian 11 days ago Adrian Paulen, the Dutch president of the LAAF, and Arthut Gold, the president of the European Araletic Association, had a members of national federations to discuss the problem of appearance money. At least the subject was aired, but no decision or plan for a further meeting was made. Mr Gold said afterwards: "We made them realize that we are not as naive as they perhaps thought."

thought."

In Britain the International Athletes Club are to set up a young Athletes Fund to help outstanding school-age athletes successfully to negotiate the often tricky jump to the top level of the sport after leaving school.

All today's football fixtures

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Fencing ·

Harper holds hopes in Vienna

Britain's team for the world youth fencing championships, which take place on April 7-11 at the BSZ Sudshult sports com-plex in Vienna, will have to prove its fitness. pies in Vienna, will have to prove its fitness.

Over 35 countries will be represented in the championships in which Pierre Harper, the under-20 national and international champion, will be one of the favourities to reach the foil final, which Britain won last year. The ream is: which Britain won last year. The ream is:
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without loss in their second innings in it way through the morning's play. They are still 86 mms behind Zaheer came to the wicker when Mujid's opening partner. Sadiq Mohammad, was forced to retire PAKISTAN, Pray landings 12.11 Second mulays, 221 for 1 wis "Maild Khan, and our 10%. Sadiq Mohammad, rothard 12 Zaheer Abbas, c Fredericks, 2 Co. G. Greending et al. 1, V. A. Elichwise 50, A. Mijilicharran 17. 1, Shillimfard 120, Majid Khan it or 451. Reter.

LATER: Patchan. 242 for 1 with Majid Khan it was also seen and the more many than the saled Khan nor our 1570. Table tennis

Barden fails to halt the Hongkong double Andrew Barden, the 18-year-old England No 7 from East Bardet, championships. and their fourth in all during the champions of the most reducious sigles little went to 80 Yang performances of bis life in Guernsoy yesterday, but just failed he went to 80 Yang to lake the men's singles little in the Coannonwealth table remains the Coannonwealth table remains the coannonwealth table remains the same of the same of

He went down 21—14, 21—15, 19—21, 12—21, 21—16 to Kuang Tau Li of Hongkong in a hual of immease excitement, Barden, out through injery for three months this season, fought hard is farden was mable to find consistency of length and direction with his swinging loop shots early on. But his persynance paid off and he took third and length sets. and be took third and fourth sets.
The final game reached 15—L3
before the Hongkong player crept
ahead to give his country their
second gold methol of the night

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MIXEO DOUBLES: Sami-inal round kulny 7sa 11 and 6:1 Man Sin (Rong-Konn) best 1. Hilton 2nd K. Rogers (1986) 12:1 14-21. 11-21. 1

methods which commanded respect for puissance up from as well as occasional approbrium for excessive violence. It must remain one of the mysteries of the season why Cholley stayed on the field after the punch he unleased on the Scot, AlacDonald, at Parc des Princes, and one can only accept the explanation of the referee, Meiron Joseph, that he did not see it. The French won tow friends, either, for their rejection of Norman Sanson as referee for their England game, and certainly not for the reasons behind it as publicly expressed by their president.

Wates may like to think that To what extent the English forward effort was undermined in Cardiff by Urticy's back injury it is difficult to determine. He was at considerably less than full throttle for at least two-thirds of the ground and with the benefit of the game and with the benefit of hindsight, all concerned might agree that he would have been wiser not to play. The sequence of marties, with Scotland and Ireland as their first opponents, suited England's book, and they ended their season with

vales may like to think that even without Mervyn Davies, whose loss left an irreparable gap, the championship and grand slam could have been theirs again had they played France in Cardiff. At least they provided us with some tries to savour—foremost among them that wonderful score by Bennett at Murrayfield. Bennett has had a memorably good season and, of the newer Welsh players, none, I think, has made a greater or more useful all-round impact than Fenwick in the centre. a narrow miss against France and an honourable loss in Cardiff. If they failed to graduate with dis-tinction they at least obtained a worthy proxima accessir. worthy proxime accessit.

The England season, it is hoped, might be seen as the end of a new beginning. But it has failed to solve the long-standing problem at balf back. For all his gritty qualities Young, now 31, has limitations as a scrum half, and there has been no real indication that Cooper can kick with the precise and consistent accuracy demanded or more useful all-round impact than Fenwick in the centre.

Though last but one in the table, Scotland finished excitingly against Wales and perhaps may draw the conclusion that an expansive rather than a spoiling approach may serve their cause rather better in future. The suspension of Property Lynched suspension of Property Lynched suspensions. and consistent accuracy demanded of an international stand-off half. Cooper is such a naturally good footballer that his gift as a runner night well be utilized elsewhere in the back division—on the wing or in the centre. Moseley, of course, have a high regard for his pension of Brown knocked away the lynchpin of their pack in the bofferhouse, but Scottish back play may look well rewarded when the Lions team is announced tomorrow. capacity on the wing, in which position I saw him score a brilliant try for Midland Counties against the All Blacks.

The England v French schools Ireland, finishing their season with a whitewash and the wooden spoon, earned habitual respect at forward, but looked critically short of class players to support Gibson



Hopes that this could be the end

of a new beginning for England

which took him from the left touchline across to the right of goal, with the cotire Everton defence in retreat. Finally, he had worked an opening for himself, his shot beat Lawson but crept mere inches wide of the far post. It was a starvellous place of collident running.

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Ampleforth reach schools sevens finals

With Rosslyn Park's customary efficiency at the hub of the first day's operation in the mational schools seven a side tourosment. Festival were completed on three grounds yesterday. Shallow pools of water littered the Park ground at Rochampton as Moht rain felt at the day's start. An ominous beginning to be sure, but condi-tions gradually improved and that was something to invoke a collec-tive sign of refiel from all con-cerned.

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
The international season has
finished, with France the champions—as many people expected—
but with unexpected twists of form
along the way. The French forwards gave Wales a beating in
Paris; then, coming to Twickenham, which they call the cathedral
of rugby; they looked as if they
were frightened of swearing in
church and were themselves, in
hum, outplayed.
When England journeyed to
Wales, expecting the one sure
bonns of a solid forward platform,
they failed to achieve it, and lost,
as their president, Dickie Jeeps,
was gracious enough to concede
afterwards, to a better side. Then,
at the climax last weekend, the
Scottish pack, with McLaughian
restored at loose head prop, gave
their Welsh counterparts more to
think about at Muntayfield than
had been generally expected.
Form at the Recort was subject
throughout the championship to
the same perverse variations.
Bastiar, vistnally a French hoar
unto houself in this department,
commanded it against Wales, but
at Twickenham was humbled by
the inspired Hortom. When England went to Cardiff, Martin had
an outstendingly productive game
against Hortom. But when Wales
went to Muntayfield, Martin was
discomfized by that willy jumper,
MCHarg, who was allowed to
stretch the law to its limits and
won the more plentiful and better
possession.

Except at Twickenham, where

France mostly reserved their more exciting and expansive moments for Paris, and achieved the second grand alam in their history by

Middlesbro 2. Birmingham 2 Middlesbrough topes of a place in Europe received a setback when they were held to a draw by Birmingham. After a tame first half hour the game was brought to life when Trevor Francis secored two goals in two minutes.

Just before the inserval, Alan Wilker, who came on as substitute for Wood, reduced the lead. Middlesbrough resumed the second half in a determined mood and Boam levelled after 51 minutes when he forced the hell through from a corner. cerned. Among a slightly increased empy of 225 schools, two teams from Belgium had felt obliged to withdraw at the last moment, but New Weshninster, from Eridsh

Columbia, especared in four 12 group-winners had been matches yesterday, and Pickering liberally sprinkled 200012 80 schools received as the words will run out in the main it was they who have succeeded again.

2 day-long cascade of points, Affile, of Dayrelde, who disting a see some way from being the Miller, of Downside, who distin-guished themselves in this compe-tition in 1972 and 1973 had the tition in 1972 and 1973 had the distinction of acoring the first four from a try in the first minute when his side smuttered to victory against Bearwood College.

Dulwich, who were runners up here in 1974 and 1975 then joined in a titanic stroggle with St Dunstan's, a rugged, hard tackling side and it was with relief that they heard the final whistle to signal victory by six points to four. Last season's fimilists, semi-fimilists and the remaining

powerful combination of last season and, fending off a moderote seven from Tonbridge, they feil at the second hurdle, as they bad done last year, this time to Bedford.

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Bedford.
Ampleforth and Loughborough are already turough and they should be joined by Wellington College. Weekin, Eastbourse, Sherborne, Tuunron, Hereford Cuthedral School, Queen's Tambon, Plymonir, Merchant Taylor's Crosby, Haberdashers, Aske's and Wellington School, Somersel.

Results of opening day's matches at Roehampton

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Horse trials

Germans enter top riders for Badminton

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris
The West Germans, who in former years have considered the Badaduton Horse Trials to be held too early in the year to get their horses fit in their prevailing weather conditions, which restrict their exercise to covered schools, are breaking with tradition in this European championship year. They have entered three of their top international riders—Harry Klugmann with El Paso, Handle Melzer with Salut, and Karl Schultz with Madrigal, who led

CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA: 8. Milton (SA) beat T. Guillison (US)

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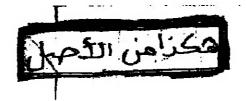
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Tennis



England Mrs Lockwood could spring back to the top in a wide-open event

An eventful six months for badninton's future development begin oday when the all-England nampionships start at Wembley. rucial issues affecting the game's mmediate pattern, politics and nimediate pattern, politics and tructure soon have to be relived. This week's championships, which are being financially usisted by John Player, have there is premier event. This time hey provide the stage as well or extensive lobbying and talks. In May badminton's faangurat torld championships take place in Malmo. Sweden. There, too, hina are finally expected to gain he admittance to the International ladminton Federation that they have sought for so long. This will ring further Asian domination on and of the court. Later in the car badminton itself seeks recognition from the International ear badminton itself seeks recog-lition from the International ilympic Committee with an imbitious, if perhaps unrealistic, ye fixed on the 1984 Olympic lames.

Concurrent with all this there the growing factions in badminton, not least among the younger English players and in European muntries who believe that the part should follow Wimbledon's reample and grant the players men status. Obviously this would filled Olympic seniorisms and factions of the players are status. men status. Obviously this would reflect Olympic aspirations and for many years could leave the sport livided in half. It can be seen, therefore that wen the customary strong entry from around the world at Wemdey this week will not exclusively the attention. Basically the siches wall resolve themselves not would be usual contrasts

between Asian agility and defi-ness and European power and strength. The Malmo event has affected enries less than was feared. Only the Malaysians and Thats decided against two tours to Europe in cuick succession and the first succession and the first appearance of a Russian team has helped bring compensation.
Liem Swie King, the 20-year-old Indonesian, would appear to be a clear favourite to succeed his compatriet, the great Rudy Har-tono, as the men's title holder. Hartono duly claimed his record

tono, as the men's title holder. Hartono duly claimed his record eigith win at Liem's expense last year, but nobody anticipates that Liem will fail to win the final this time. Fleming Delfs, of Denmark, the other top seed, in some people's view may even find it hard to get past the experienced le Sumirat, the second ranked Indonesian, at the semi-final stage. England for the first time for many years have two men seeded in Derek Talbot (Northumberland) and Ray Stevens (Essex). Both start against little known Japanese opponents and will have done as much as can be expected of them if they reach the last eight. For several years it has been possible to write optimistically about the prospects of England's Mrs Gillian Gilks, a finalist at the last four championships, and who emerged from Wembley last year as a triple title-holder. This year a combination of circumstances together with a general levelling in form among the best women players has ensured that a far more testing time lies ahead for Mrs Gilks.

testing time lies ahead for Mrs Any one of five players are serious contenders for the women's

title. They are the four leaders in the seeding list—Lena Roppen (Denmark). Hiroe Yuki (Japan), Mr Gilks and Mrs Margarer Lock-wood (England). together with Joke van Beusekom (Netherlands) who is among those seeded fifth the elebth

who is among those seeded fifth to eighth.

Mrs Gilks has been in erratic form all season. Her preparations were disrupted by a kidney illness before Christmas and much publicized disagreements with administrators since can hardly have brought mental tranquillity. Miss Koppen was the player in form until she was thrashed last week in the Danish championships by Miss van Beusekom.

Miss Yoki, the winner in 1974

Miss Yuki, the winner in 1974 and 1975, could possibly now be past her best and if Mrs Lock-wood, the 1973 champion, can recapture her former consistency under pressure, she might yet bring off a surprise win. The same applies to Miss van Beugekom. The Dutch girl led Mrs Gilks 8—3 in butch girl led arrs Gilks 8-3 in the find game last year before Mrs Gilks recovered to win the fourth round match 7-11, 11-0, 11-3.

More than one million school-

More than one million school-children in England were estimated to be playing badminton when the last estimate was attempted by officials four years ago. The sport at all levels has continued to experience a boom since and its administrators carry heavy responsibilities.

The players this week at Wembley seem certain to provide lavish examples of skill; it must also be hoped that those manoeuvings behind the scenes see to it that the right road is taken by the sport over the yests ahead.

Golf

Professionals tested by two of the boys

Golf Correspondent In spite of the drab and wintry. ing to form on the opening day of the Surpingdale mixed fourthe Sunningdale mixed four-imes yesterday. The tons of peat that have been scattered about the old course give it an arable look ind the decision was taken yester-day to switch the later rounds, remaily played on that course, the new, as bappened in 1969. The year that Peter Costerhuls and P. Benka won.

The new course certainly has the new course cerminy has the quality required and the fournament will not be diminished in the change. But it is sad to see the old course—ot its best, perhaps the most glamorous in the country—brought so low by a party eccentric meather.

in the field. These two had found themselves in the morning against what must have been the youngest combination—16-year-old Maudesley and Belville, a boy international last year. For six fioles the boys played par golf. At that point they were one up and it was not until the professionals gained the honour at the seventh that they began to make their opponents press, and the game began inevitably to swing their way. tear's eccentric weather.

The holders, Clive Clark and In the afternoon on the old Hughesdon, out in 33, won com-

fortably while the runners-up, H. Clark and Brunyard, were somewhat let off at the height of their march. J. Davies, who won a new event, the Surrey championship, here less week, and his old partner; King, romped through, One of few of the more important matches to go close involved Wood and Dawson, the strongest professional combination in the field. These two had found the mere wood pin-high to square the strongest professional combination in the field. These two had found the second at the fourteenth to take the lead.

With one stroke still to come mixed pair received five-strokes; three of which came in the last seven holes. They made use of the first of them at the twelfth where Cowley chipped a fine three wood pin-high to square the match, and of the second at the fourteenth to take the lead.

With one stroke still no come at the seventeenth they looked in a strong position, but Dawson's tee shor was not far outside them and Wood, a member of the last Ryder. Cup team, holed for a two to square once again. A four at to square once again. A four at the sixteenth gave them the lead and in spite of taking three pures at the seventeenth they got a half against the stroke. Wood took an unorthodox route to the last, driving up the 18th fairway on the new, but a four there was good enough.

First and second round scores at Sunningdale





From Britain with love: Diamonds are not for ever

Shape of things to come is oval

To the rest of Europe's dismay,

te French have decided on a amoud-shaped track for what 'e regarded as the world short re regarded as the world short ack speed skating championships
Grenoble next month. As a insequence, Britain and Belgium, it highly rated teams, have ithdrawn their men and women in there are doubts about the panese and Butch. The usual propean track is oval.

Short track racing on indoor circums, look like a procession inters race against each other tysically and not against the sk. To overtake on the short aights or round the bends is dangerous but fine art as attracted plumbers as to bank clerks. uangerous but fine art as attracte to plumbers as to bank clerks. Britain, whose mild climate tells ainst operating large refrigered outdoor tracks, has done oneer work over the years in pularizing the sport indoors. So the so, in fact, that two years 0, the Dutch, at that time matched in speed over the outer 400-metre circuits, invited a two faither to demonrty of British skaters to demon-ate in Amsterdam what indoor

ing—as opposed to time trial-e—was all about. conteen young Britons, from mingham, Solihuli London and mingham, so enthralled the tch, packing the Jaan Eden dium—named after their first rid champion (outdoor) and tually patron saint of the therlands—that they were control. National championships re held early this mouth, the erce, significantly enough, be; a Londoner, Mr Ernest mes of the short track.

In oval track of 110 metres
s used and 16 countries now over such a shaped course, the organizers of the Grene event, due to take place from ril 15 to 17, have, under appar-Canadian prompting, or per-os even arm-twisting, opted for diamond track, or double



Harold Spragg : too valuable to risk on diamond track.

termed. Looking rather like the shape of a squashed matchbox, it is, not surprisingly, very similar to the so-called "safety" circuit lands, Frame, Japan, the United States, Canada and Australia, bught to have made an impact. States, diamond shaped course has diamond shaped course has circular bends of the oval, track, the diamond-shaped course has two sharp turns of two and a half-metres radius and the British National Skating Association is refusing to allow its rising young stars, like Harold Spragg, from Birmingham, and Kay Dibling, a slender 19-year-old Mitcham bank clock as fore as most of the men. clerk as fast as most of the men, to risk their careers. The oval track, Britain argues, is the obvi-ous shape of the future and more sensible to spectators used to watching athletics, cycling, speedway or any sport on wheels.

For years Britain has been pressing the International Skating

developed might prove the death blow to these hopes. As a counterattraction, the Solibuil club are staging an international meeting at their spendid council-run rink five days before the Grenoble meeting. With Spragg in great form—his time of 1 min 35.2 sec for the kilotime of I min 35.2 sec for the kilometre during the Dutch open champloushing is being submitted as a British record—Stephen Pearce, a club colleague, just as fast, Miss Dibling capable of breaking 40sec, for the 400 metres and the Birmingham Mohawks team (recently 4 min 38.5 sec for the 3,000 metres relay, a world best) also competing, the home boys and girls will be out to convince their North American visitors that result, due to take place from pressing the international Skaling (recently 4 min 36.5 sec for the 17 have, under appar-Union to give short track racing 3,000 metres relay, a world best could ranking with its outdoor also competing, the home boys even arm-twisting, opied for cousin and it was hoped that this and girls will be out to convince would be forthcoming at the ISU their North American visitors that the track as it is officially congress in Paris in May. Dele-

For victory read Vitiges in Europe this year

With more than 100 horses in with more than 100 horses in training at Seven Barrous, Peter Walwyn looks all set for another successful season. I say another because we have grown used to him being one of the most dominant figures in English racing. It was in 1973 that he first inpued the charte in terms of warring. the charts in terms of mun't, of races won. The following year Walwyn became the champion trainer outright for the first pune and he repeated that achievement in 1975. Last year he again won more races than anyone else, but just falled to win as much prize money as Henry Cecil. money as Henry Ceril.

For the past three years Walwyn has provided Patrick Eddery with the springboard from which that young man has successfully launched successive attempts to become the country's champion jockey. Already there is every reason to believe that we will be hearing a great deal more of there

hearing a great deal more of these two men who have formed one of the most formidable partnerships that modern racing has known. that modern racing has known.

When I saw the members of the Severn Barrows entourage recently, first using and warm in their boxes in the evening, and then again on top of the windswept downs the following morning. I was most taken with the way that the four-year-old colt vitiges had flourished during the winter. If his looks are anything to go by now those breeders who calued him at £920,000 last December by taking shares in the syndicate to which he now belongs syndicate to which he now belongs could be sitting pretty.

syndicate to which he now belongs could be sitting pretty.

For Vitiges really was exading health and bursting, with energy when I saw him. I had not seen that he had he won the Champion Stakes at Newmarket last October and the difference was most marked. It was immediately clear that he had let down and thickened and grown altogether much, much stronger during his first English winter.

Vitiges spent his formative days in France and only came to Lambourn in time for Walwyn to put the finishing touches to his preparation for the Champion Stakes. But, as things turned out, those few weeks were of vital consequence because it was then that Vitiges wore a bridle fitted with a rubber bit for the first time in his life and was taught to settle. When he was in France Vitiges had invariably been given his head and been allowed to blaze along at the head of affairs. These tactles are all very well sometimes, but usually a horse tends to last much longer if he is taught



All-conquering alliance: Walwyn (left) and Eddery, set to take Europe by storm.

to relax. Ridden with restraint Vitiges went so well in two gallops on the downs before the Champion Stakes that it was decided to try new tactics in the race, too. And they worked perfectly Brought from behind with a long and uninterrupted run on the out-side Vinges caught Rose Bowl, who had won the race the year before inside the final furlong and

before inside the final furlong and beat her by a neck. Even as it stood it was a good performance, but more important it also intimated that Vitiges might stay a mile and a half ridden the same way and that could be a very important factor this year. With Youth, Empery, Wollow and Rose Bowl all now at stud and Brunt currently campaigning in California there appears to be a golden opportunity for Vitiges to emance Walwyn intends letting Vitiges

Wateryn intends letting Vitiges begin his four-year-old career at Newmarket on April 13 in the Barl of Sefton Stakes. Run over nine furlongs that race is seen as the ideal stepping stone to tabe along a path that will eventually lead to Longchamp and the Prix Ganay in particular.

With last year's Jockey Club Stakes and Hardwick Stakes winner, Orange Bay and Outs and

Free State also still in training Walwyn has a decidedly strong hand of older horses with which nand of older horses with which to wage war this summer. And if present plans are adhered to Orange Bay will run first in the John Porter Stakes at Newbury, where one of his opponents is likely to be Malinowski. With the O'Brien colt hale and hearty once more that could develop into any exphalling encounter an embralling encounter.

Oats, the colt who finished second to Malinowski in last year's

Second to mannowski in last year a Craven Stakes before he won the Blue Riband Trial Stakes at Epsom and finished third in the Derby has done far better this winter in the eyes of his trainer than ever he did between two and three, and it shows. In fact Oats is so well it shows. In fact Cats is so well and forward that Walwyn will run him at Doncaster on Friday in a race to which he is particularly well suited in preparation for a crack at the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket in April. But, Free State, who crowned his three-year-old career, by winning the Water-ford Crystal Mile at Goodwood is unlikely to be seen until mid-May when Newbury's Lockings Stakes would be his natural objective:

colts reflect the modern trend in racehorse ownership in this country. Wight Before belongs to a group of Australian breeders, who are hoping that he will make

his name in Burope before they reduce him to stud in their country; Sporting Yankee to a firm of bookmakers now that they are permitted to own and run race-horses for advertising purposes; Saros and Avgerinos to an Italian Saros and Avgerinos to an Italian and a Greek, respectively.
At present it is anybody's guess which of that quariet will turn out to be the best. If there is a Guineas horse there it is probably Avgerinos, who looks very forward. The Greenham Stakes will tell us more about this handsome colt by Welsh Pageant who won the Solario Stakes at Sandown Park last September.

Last year Eddery said that the Vaguely Noble colt, Night Before, impressed inim every bit as much as Avgerinos bad done, although Timeform do not rate him nearly so highly. Sporting Yankee is also

Timeform do not rate him nearly, so highly. Sporting Yankee is also by Vagnely Noble, but two more different horses it, would be hard to imagine. In the box Night Before makes a far greater impression. He is brimful of quality, whereas Sporting Yankee is much too big and gawky to win prizes in a show ring.

Our at exercise, however, it is Out at exercise, however, it is a different matter. Sporting Yankee has a long, relding stride

that devours the ground, whereas Night Before has a pronounced knee action that seems to cry out for soft going. Yet Walwyn is of the opinion that of the two Night

no the Curragh.

The 10-furlong classic trial at Sandown towards the end of April is likely to be Night Before's first race. If he runs there he will probably encounter Padrong, who is likely to be one of Vincent O'Brien's Derby hopes this year. Sporong Yankee was to have run in the XYZ Handicap at Newcastle, but having seen the weight castle, but having seen the weight he was given there, Walwyn will now aim him at one of the more conventional classic trials.

Then there is Saros to consider. He, too, could be a Derby borse in the making judged on the promising way that he ran against The Minstrel in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarker last autumn. He was much more backward than The Mustrel that day and wisely Eddery did not subject him to a hard race once it was apparent naru race once it was apparent that The Minstrel was his master. Saros has already been earmarked for an early race at Teesside Park, which should ensure that he will strip fighting fit for the Craven States.

An interesting horse at Seven Barrows this spring is an unraced Bold Bidder colt named Conti. who came from California last autumn without having run as a two-year-old in the United States. By all accounts he showed two-year-old in the United States. By all accounts he showed sufficient promise there in his workonts on the course to suggest that he could be good and he certainly looks just the type to bear in mind for the Wood Ditton Stakes at the Craven meeting, which is a race confined to three-year-olds who have never run.

Imperial Guard, a handsome colt with an imperial pedigree—
he is by the legendary Brigadier Gerard and out of Altesse Royale, who herself won three classics—
looks altogether much more mature than he did last season and he could possibly be an ideal type for the Free Handicap in which he has 7st 12lb.

The list at this time of the year that members of various racing clubs up and down the country are required to draw up lists of 12 or more horses to follow for the scason. Accelerate, Beethoven the scason. Accelerate, Beethoven and Region are three names worthy of consideration in my opinion. Accelerate is a maiden but he should not remain a maiden for long. Beethoven is likely to be a useful sprinter this season, and I will be more than mildly surprised if Resion, who runs tomorrow in the Tote Spring Handicap at Doncaster, falls to pay his way, too,

Lincoln ballot could remove Air Trooper from the field

Thirty-one hopefuls stood their ground for this year's Lincoln Handicap, which will be run at Doucaster on Saturday, after yesterday's four-day forfeit stage. The start of the stratight mile there can accommodate only 25 stalls, which means that unless five drop out at the overnight declaration stage some of those at the foot of the handicap will be automatically eliminated. These could include Air Trooper, for whom there has been a persistent tip

I can never understand why anyone bets ante-post on the Lincoln simply because the draw has such

an effect. Y I was interested to h. on Palmer say that he at illengues in Ladbrokes had naticed business become quieter and quieter during the past few years. However, the daunting prospect of a bad draw has not deterred a gamble on the Newmarket fancy, Spade Guinea, who can certainly be given a good chance if judged on his best form. As far as the other leg of the spring double is concerned, both Hills and Ladbrokes reported a lot of money for Winter Rain to win the Grand National yesterday. And the Dickinson horse, who won so easily at Wolverbampton on Monday, is now down to 16-1. Last week his price was double

that. Hills also took a great deal of Irish money yesterday on the Gold Cup winner, Davy Lad, who has replaced Red Rum as the lavourite in their ante-post book. Davy Lad was a 14-1 chance before business began yesterday, but by the evening they were offering no more than 10-1.

The Tote are pleased with the way that their new race at Doncaster tomorrow, the Tote Spring Handicap, has attracted interest. Aspect, Region and Donzel, all of whom were mentioned by Michael Seely yesterday, were the three most in demand and their prices have been trimmed accordingly to 7-1, 8-1 and 10-1. It is 12-1 bar those three.

Results at

Plumpton.

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TOTE: Win. 31p: places. 15p. 27p
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ALSO RAN: 13-8 fac Serpent Prince (2011: 2.ml), 4-1

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samble on Mandrake Major to win the Free Handicap at Newmarket, which is another race spodsored by the Tote, His price has plummeted in dramatic fashion from 20-1 to 6-1 and he is now favousite.

Lincoln declarations Finelica, Silver Steel, Trusind, Golden, Alm, Men of Harlech, The Heritoric Private Line, Shade Oginus, Rhodomainnade, Fighting Lady, Rawadom, Tomiel, Nearly New, Ravol, Yamaforn, The Happy Booker, Odizair, London Giory, Right So, Tho Nadi Royale, Miss Filtert, Blusiery, Premier Bond, Fieter D'Amour, Swing Thropper, Fearless Boy, Vanus of Strettiam, Fighting Broye, Air Thomase, Gray Sell.

Experts gather in Rome

Rome, Morch 22.—Horse racing authorides from 13 countries and a wide range of experts gathered here today for a three-day summit on the problem of doping in the sport. The meeting, behind closed doors, aims to work out common international rules on doping, agree on the best ways of dope testing and exchange information on research findings.

The main problem is that different countries have different riews on what constitutes doping. riews on what constitutes doping.
The British take the strictest line—that any irregular substance, however small, revealed by post-race analysis means instant disqualification.

Worcester programme



430 PITCHEROFT NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £557:

Worcester selections By Our Racing Correspondent

1.50 .1.51) CHARNWOOD HURDLE
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Hurzer—Irania (Vir A. Lognal)
5-11-3 B. Brogan (6-1) 1
Porto Rico ... M. Gibson (11-2) 2
Elimentoes Mr J. Cambidge (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 f.v Junior Dancer.
6-1 Frosted Glass. 10-1 Saucy Pirate.
Finerala Jester 12-1 Abelian Victory,
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The Bland, Fair Marle, Happy
Henry, Star of Throne, Saucy Prince,
Trotalians, 16 ray.

TOTE: win, 570; places, 28p, 52p,
26p, A. Jarvis, at Corentry, 71, 51.

2.0 (2.2) CHAPNWOOD HURDLE (Dh 1: part II: novices: £492: 2m)

2.0 Queen's Treasure. 2.30 Agree Star. 3.0 The Figk Bomber. 3.30 CURRENT GOLD is specially recommended. 4.0 Armoured Car. 4.30 Catocols Creek.

-1 Deed Reckening, 53-1 Knotty Yagana, Morte D'Arthur, Lucy Parker, oblem (p), 50-1 Fair Double (ceft, 16 Fan, 10 Fan, 117), 54 to 10 Fan, 1707, 5 230 (2.32) CHARNWOOD MURDLE (DIV B. part H. novice: £249; 2m; Olvino Lad. ch g. by Prixy Sent—Divino Lad. ch g. by Prixy Sent—Prix William (4-1) 1. Bawangpa, C. Smith (5-2 lay) 2 Laws (4-1) 3. ALSO RAN; 11-1 Yr. Yes Yes, 13-1 Agreets, 13-1 Regul (Lowengad, Sevel Sentember (4-1), 16-1 Steet Town, 25-1 Train Prince Buikington Ed. Tudor Roll, 55-1 Le Brighte, Post D'Or. Solomitile, Polity Port, Solomitile, Polity Polity Polity Polity Nin, San: player, Phanford

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2.15 SPROUSTON HURDLE (Selling Handicap: £414: 2m)

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2.0000 Our Swange, P. Ponton, b-10-10 Sir T. Butt

10.20406 Wenger Page, L. Jordon, 6-10-9 S. J. Suny, D. Suny, D. J. Suny, D. J. Suny, D. Suny, D

2.45 BUCCLEUCH HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE (£319: 3m) 7-2 Bineherry Hill VI, 4-1 Tarquann, 11-2 Royal Alibi, 6-1 Just Now, Physboy II, 10-1 Knight Valbot, 11-1 Gauge Roward. 3.15 BERRYMOSS HURDLE (Handicap: £503: 3m 1f 120yd)

3-1 Kirnaugh, 100-30 Sill tione, 1-2 Cala Lionea, 6-1 Marcus Lady, 7-2 Caldbook, 8-1 Uncle Vanya, 14-1 Reikotime, 25-1 Morning Bioum. 3.45 CLYDE BRIDGE CUP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £716:

4.15 SPRINGWOOD STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £580: 24m)

t Indian Emperor. 3-1 Welton Lad. 1-2 Dumyasha, 6-1 King My Heart, 12-1 Raising Cain, 16-1 others. 4.45 BOWMONT HURDLE (Novices: 4y-o: £340: 2m)

4.45 BOWNIONT HURDLE (Novices; 4-y-0; £340; 2m)

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152; that force-t, 752, D. Greig, at
Createlegh, 2-1, 64. ALSO RAN: 9-2 Border Prince DB., 12-1 Verona Bay Fit. 25-1 Fries. Jarque H 4th. 6 zm., 25-1 Erick. TITE: kih. 14p: places, 12p. 25p: pareas, 17p. V. Cross, at Stockbridge. DAILY DON'TE: Miss Morden and Court Shadow. 219-60. TREALE: Brown Jork. Albury Led and Royal Lpic, 28-10.

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2,15 Whicker's World. 2,45 Knight Valiant. 3,15 Kirwaugh. 3,45 Gone Out. 4.15 INDIAN EMPEROR is specially recommended. 4,45 Sta

Div III: pari I: novices: 2-38: 2m)

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5-40-12 ... Mr C. Cundall (35-1) ?

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35-2 Rabatho, Breede Gren, Fron
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5.0 (5.2) CHARNWOOD HURDLE (DIV II: part lil: novice: 22.6 201) Origendo(2, b g. by Even Monry— Origental Queer (Mrs P. Robe-son), 6-11-5 L. Wallinger (f. 1 (r) 4 Sure Enough J. Rarlow (f-1) 2 Weish Treety, ... D Strice (f-1) 2 ALSO RAN: 100-30 Woodlame

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Why the political parties should spell out their policies for television



This week's column is by Grace Wyndham Goldie, former Head of **BBC** Television Talks and Current Affairs, and nutbor of Facing the Nation: Television and Politics, 1935-1976, published last week.

In every country in the world, television is conditioned by political decision: governments everywhere are influenced (in ways not yet measurable) by the impression political leaders make upon television viewers. This interdependence is rooted in the technology of the medium. Because television makes it possible for political leaders to communicate, in vision, rersonally and directly with millions of individuals watching simultaneously in their homes, politicians are bound to make use of it. In dictatorships they also try to prevent opponents and dissidents having access to it.

This happens even in democracles. I remember, when dining in Coneral de Gaulle's France with an official of the United Nations, being asked whether I would mind having the television set turned on. It was time for the news. I said: "Of course not. But we'll only hear what the Government wants said." My host answered: "That's why I have to see it. It's the best indication we have of what's in de Gaulle's mind."

the office boy, seemed to be changed whenever there was a change of government. In the United States, access to television by politicians is considered so important that it is meticulously regulated. In Britain, access, as I well know after having spent a lifetime in television production-particularly in the area of politics and current affairs—is a subject of constant dis-pute between the political parties and, in consequence, of constant political pressure upon broadcasters.

Yet in this country we have scarcely assimilated the fact that television, being a revolution in methods of political communication, is bound to affect the nature of government. For may government by referendum not be the natural corollary of television in democracies? And can Parliament survive television's challenge? Isin Macleod once told me that he thought it could be survived to the survival of the sur do_so only if it were televised.

Those whose only interest in the relationship between television and politics is a hearty dislike of party political broadcasts are likely to get a shock within the next few weeks. For the report of the Government committee on the future of broadcasting is already in the hands of the Home Secretary. Decisions taken by Parliament in the light of its findings are certain to affect every viewer.

The wide terms of reference given the Annan Committee by the Labour Government in 1974 mean that everything in television can be radically altered—everything from Match of the Day to programmes for children, from the Open University to Kojak: whether our screens will be larger, whether the BBC and the Independent Broadcasting Authority will continue to exist, whether the income from advertising will still go to the commercial-companies, whether totally different organizations will be set up to control television.

Yet few among those who enjoy, In Italy, the television staff, down to criticize and help to create the television programmes which are seen by millions realize that the whole television world which they take for granted and in which they operate is a bubble of fragility which can easily be pricked and destroyed by political decisions which are bound to be made any minute now. For something will have to be done when the Charter of the BBC and the Acts of Parliament which permit the existence of Independent Television expire. That will be in 1979.

general election. So we cannot be sure which political party will be in power when the crucial decisions about the future of television are made.

And who knows what the television policies of the various political parties actually are? Three years ago the Labour Party issued a pamphlet called The People and the Media which proposed the destruction of the BBC and IBA. Does that pamphlet still represent Labour policy? And what are the television policies of the Conservatives and the Liberals, the Scottish and Welsh nationalists? I have been unable to find out; and can only hope that viewers and voters are going to be given more information than they were the last time radical changes were made in broadcasting; that was in 1954 when the Conservative government rejected the majority report of a committee on broadcasting and made profound changes in television without the subject ever having been an election issue.

I suggest that viewers and voters should not allow this sort of thing to happen again: that they should insist on being told, between the publication of the Annan report and 1979, not only what politicians intend to do with television if they are put into power, but what options and alternatives are open. And is it too much to hope that someone will tell us about the political and commercial pressures which are being brought to bear upon the decisionmaking processes of a Parliament acting in our name?

nearly every other count world television is dominated either by governments or by commercial interests. In Britain we have managed so far—if precariously—to avoid both these disastrous extremes. It is for British voters to ensure that we continue to do so. But this will be possible only if they are given, not vague reassurances, but precise information. © Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977

Television expire. That will be in 1979. Facing the Nation, by G. W. Goldic, And by then there will have to be a The Bodley Head, £7.50.

Can Jews in Britain continue to preserve their identity?

The Jewish community, slaveys prone to introduce that the proportion introduced interpretation, has again been taking its interpretation, has again been taking its interpretation interpretation. He reported, and added that "something similar may be appreciated and added that "something similar may be own temperature. I st week sociologists, historians and religious leaders met in London to discuss at length and in depth the subject of "Jawish Life in Modern Britain". It was the second such confer-ence, the first having taken place 15 years

One of the major obstacles in the way of all these exercises has been the dearth of basic data. The national census makes no reference to relizion, so that even the Jewish population of Britain is not accur-ately known and has had to be estimated. The last such estimate was 410,000 for the period 1960-65 and was calculated on what is claimed to be a reliable statistical method based on a count of Jewish deaths. The assumption is that, whatever else in Judaism they may abandon, all Jews eventually undergo Jewish burials. The number of these is precisely known and, by relating this figure to national statistics, a reasonably accurate estimate of population can be deduced.

The 1950-65 figure was lower than the proviously accepted estimate of 450,000 and it is probable that the 1977 figure, when it comes to be calculated, will be lower still because of losses through assimilation and emigration. These losses

assimilation and emigration. These losses are not now being replaced by any significant Jewish immigration.

Some evidence in support of this assumption is afforded by the figures available for synagogue marriages (they are accurately recorded) which have declined from a high of almost 3,000 annually between 1941 and 1950 to a low of 1,750 between 1971 and 1975. Some of this difference must be attributable to marriages with non-jewish party. some or runs currence must be attracted able to marriages with non-Jewish partners which would be performed either at a Christian or a civil ceremony. When there is intermantage without convertible of the convertible of th

there is intermarriage without conversion, it is generally assumed that, even if the Jewish spouse remains a member of the Jewish community, the children of the marriage are unlikely to be Jews.

The consequences of intermarriage in this increasingly open, tolerant and religiously indifferent society are always on the agenda in discussions of Jewish identity and survival, and this conference was no exception. Professor S J Prais quoted from studies made in the United States that intermarriage was low among those born abroad and also among their children. But, "it is amongst the grand-

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happening here".

One of the participants in the conference had the temerity to suggest to the statisticians and sociologists that they were obsessed by numbers and that it was the quality of Jewish life which ought to be investigated. That comment ignored the fact that the decrease in the number of fact that the decrease in the number of synagogue marriages was itself a reflec-tion of a general decline of Jewish cohesiveness—at least among the broad centre. It was evident from much of the discussion that, since the last conference, the "more or lers unaffiliated section" had so grown that Professor Prais observed that it "can no longer be regarded as a mere 'fringe'".

fringe'".

The reverse side of the coin of communal debility is the equally evident phenomenon of the integration of British Jews in the changing social structure. Another sociologist, Professor Ernest Krauzs, pointed out that while an historically dominant culture persists in Britain, majority-minority relationships are becoming less pronounced as more recently established groups become accepted as integral sections of our society. We are, he argued, moving towards an acceptance (already the case in the USA) of cultural pluralism. Jews therefore no longer think pluralism. Jews therefore no longer think of themselves as a disadvantaged minority and, in consequence, there is today a greater disposition to assert Jewish identity and associations and, conversely, few inhibitions among those who want to opt out of Judaism altogether.

"For the majority of Jews in Britain", Professor Krauzs says, "acculturation seems to be the order of the day." By acculturation, he means being part of British social and cultural life while preserving Jewish identity. Assimilation, on the other hand, which amounts to total absorption in the dominant society, would lead to the dissolution of the Jewish community. Acculturation could lead to assimilation, but not necessarily so.

In fact, this does not appear to be happening in Britain and, despite the increasing secularization of society, the Jewish
community maintains a wide range of
well-organized institutions catering to the
special Jewish interests, religious and
social, of its members. But there were
many at the conference who asserted that

Judaism but a massive haemorriage.

Among those who share this fear is a body of devout "ethnocentric" Jews in Britala who, to avoid a dilution of their Eritala who, to avoid a dilution of their commitment, eschew acculturation and live together in a totally Jewish environment. But, while it has shown some growth in recent years, this group still constitutes a numerically small proportion of the total Jewish population. For the majority of Jews in this country, belief in the Jewish faith and the practice of its observances has given way (in the words of Professor Krauzs) to a kind of "emasculated Jewish Indentity—being Jewish by association".

In contrast to the generally sober, if

In contrast to the generally sober, if not depressing, assessments of the sociologists, Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits was resolutely optimistic. "While drift and apathy continue to be widespread", nevertheless "collectively and organizationally the community... remains preduminantly orthodox" and, in a religious sense "Anglo-Jewry is still the most stable community in the world". He was not unduly perturbed by the intermarriage rate, believing that the peak had now possed and doubting if it now exceeded 20 per cent

20 per cent.

But even Rabbi Jakobovits concurred with the general forecasts of numerical dockine. He believed that the Jewish community in Britain would be reduced to "a mere 300,000 in the next generation" but drew the hopeful conclusion that "the religious fittest will be the main element to survive as Jews; the comunity... will probably gain in intensity what it loses in numbers".

It is always perplexing to try to present

It is always perplexing to try to present some reasonably accurate prognosis of the health of the Jewish community. Prophets of decline and dissolution have logic on their side, but there is an illogical element in Jewish survival. Yet, historically, Judaism persisted either negatively because of persecution or positively through the strength of religious conviction. It remains to be tested whether being "Jewish by association" is a transmissible form of commissee t

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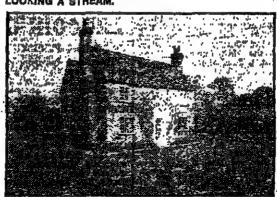
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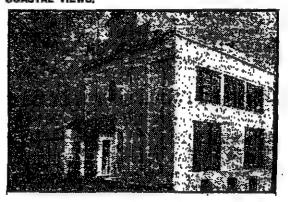
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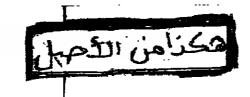
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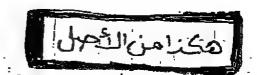
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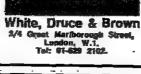
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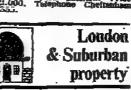
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This Brilliant Year Royal Academy

Paddy Kitchen

"I dont think she cares for pictures, and she abominates a gallery or an exhibition" wrote Sir Henry Ponsonby of Queen Victoria. Jeremy Maas, who has organized This Brilliant Year, an exhibition around the theme of Over Victorial 1927 College. of Queen Victoria's 1887 Golden
Jubilee, includes this quotation
in his catalogue and agrees
that "Queen Victoria had no
special fondness for Art".
Nevertheless she liked to encourage it in a general sort of way, and during her reign amassed a great number of portraits, paintings of state occasions and family gatherings, and other works. Thirty of these have been lent from the Royal Collection—some to be seen in public for the first time—and form the backbone of Maas's

distillation of an era. Winterhalter was the favourite court painter, his smooth, prettified versions of that turbulent family exactly that turbulent family exactly metching Victoria's view of how things should appear. To look at her demurely toolding the young Prince of Wales's hand in 1846, you would never dream ther Annette Crosbie and Timothy West would one day make Sunday teatimes rattle with the sound of warring Saxe-Coburgs. The roses pinned in Victoria's hair and at her breast plucked from a branch flooping over the basustrade, are echoed in the innocent rosebud mouths of herself and her son.

her son. If ever television had effect on one's responses to another medium, it is when regarding these royal pictures. It has not, strangely, made them seem more stiff or sanctimonious, but rather bas added a vulnerability. Annette 'Crosbie's Victoria is not, of course, any more "real" than Winter-balter's but the information conveyed by the drama script conveyed by the drama script (via the excellent hiographies of Cecil Woodham-Smith and Elizabeth Longford) makes one look with added interest at, say, Frith's monomental The Marriage of the Prince of Wales, 10 March 1863. The painting took two years to complete, and the exhibition inpiete, and the exhibition in-cludes the album of 62 cartes-

de-visite photographs he used as



Queen Victoria, by Winterhalter

aids in painting the numerous relations and dignitaries.

As a adjunct to the items directl connected with Victoria, Mass as assembled a selection of pantings from the large Golde Jubiles exhibition of contemporary art held in Manchestr. It is a pertinent summary of Victorian preoccupations The Lost Path, Frederick Walker's first arthibited picture. waller's first exhibited picture, shots a woman struggling through the snow with a baby in ler erms. There is Herkomer mediramatically depicting directs among the labouring classes" in Hard Times; Edwin

of preference.

clasping ropes of hair across her person, she appeals to God before being most messily butchered. A splendid lady, she looks quite capable of both philosophic innovation and healthy adultery—which takes the spectator some distance from Queen Victoria's sphere

That perhaps could be illustrated by another work by Dyce. Called Neptune resigning to Britannia the Empire of the Sea, it is a preparatory (and unattractive) sketch for his "dstress among the lebouring classes" in Hard Times; Edwin Log displaying an assertment bought by Prince Albert as a conductive maidens in The Bubplation Marriage Market, and lyce autracting Ruskin's raiher nude; the Queen, howeproval for his jewel-bright raiher nude; the Queen, howeproval for his fresco at Osborne, and was received at Soborne, and was long at Prince Albert as a gift for the Queen. Dyce reported that "Prince thought it raiher nude; the Queen, howeproval for his fresco at Osborne, and was bought by Prince Albert as a gift for the Queen. Dyce reported that "Prince thought it raiher nude; the Queen, howeproval for his fresco at Osborne, and was bought by Prince Albert as a gift for the Queen. Dyce reported that "Prince thought it raiher nude; the Queen, howeproval for his Queen. Dyce reported that "Prince thought it raiher nude; the Queen, by undirected by undressed gods and mermalistic prince and the prince thought it raiher nude; the Queen, howeproval for his queen. Dyce reported that "Prince thought it raiher nude; the Queen Dyce reported that "Prince thought it raiher nude; the Queen, by undressed gods and mermalistic prince thought it raiher nude; the Queen Dyce reported that "Prince thought it raiher nude; the Queen Dyce reported that "Prince thought it raiher nude; the Queen Dyce reported that "Prince thought it raiher nude; the Queen Dyce reported that "Prince thought it raiher nude; the Queen Dyce reported that "Prince thought it raiher nude; the Queen Dyce reported that "Prince thought it raiher nude; the Queen Dyce reported that "Prince thought it raiher nude; the Queen Dyce reported that "Prince thought it raiher nude; the Queen Dyce reported that "Prince thought it raiher nude; the Queen Dyce reported that "Prince thought it raiher nude; the Queen Dyce reported tha



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Henze on the Manon Lescaut story

Boulevard Solitude Theatre Royal, Glasgow

Scoutish Opera are now established annual visitors to the Wurttenberg State Opera in Smatgert. This week, for the first time, the operatic traffic has worked in both directions. On Monday the Stuttgart Opera arrived in Glasgow, while Scoutish Opera is on tour, to give the first of two performances in the Theatre Royal of Hans. in the Theatre Royal of Hans Werner Henze's Boulevard

The choice of opera must seem a challenge, neither new nox yet familiar to most opera-goers. Doubtless it was selected because Scotland has long mpioned Henze's music, even to numerous local first performances; the premiere in Sunigart of Henze's Elegy for Young Lovers, produced by the composer, was given by Scottish. Opera. Santgart now returns the compliment with Boulevard. Solitude.

It was Henze's first opera, baptized in 1952 at a time when he was working full-time in the theatre, learning his craft, borrowing avidly from every fruit-ful musical influence. Boulevard Solitude is an updated version of the Manon Lescaut story, the action carefully slot-ted into modern settings: a railway station, a university library, a dive-bar where heavy drugs are bought and used, to sensational and depressing effect. Henze's treatment is deepened by his stylization of forms, much ballet, songs in French and Latin as well as German, dance-music and pseudo-bit songs, slick rhymed

Cole Porter musical

verses, a veneer of high gloss.

for the Mermaid Oh, Mr Porter, an original musical by Benny Green, with the music and lyrics of Cole-Porter, opens at the Mexmaid Thearre on April 27 with previews from April 21. The cast Barrett.

date through Axel Manthey's costumes, jeans and combat jackets, jump-dancing Cuban heels, a rock group. Rudiger Wohlers's Des Grieux, sensitively and finely sung, might be seen anywhere in Western Europe these days (but would be make lose wearing black V.

mal tenor voice.

The dancing on stage, choreographed: by Egon Madsen, at first in the railway station looks ideally geared, later more arti-ficial, especially in the closing scene where female prisoners, a Salvation Army band, charac-ters from earlier scenes, all return to dance for Manon's departure; then, finally, the prison walls are knocked down by black guerrillas—it is not easy to inderstand why, par-ticularly since the librerto does not include this episode. Perhaps so lucid a producer as Henze deserves to poke an enigma or two in front of his

Sylvia Geszty's Manon is trim and determined, sometimes brilliant but occasionally untidy in her top register, a knowing heroine without a hint of sensual innocence, the naive seeker after love drowned by the gold-digger. In the pit Dennis Russel Davies controls the orchestral music with tireless flair and impressive command of the splendid Stuttgart orchestra.

Clearly Stuttgart Opera must continue to make exchanges with Scottish Opera. Perhaps next time the exchange will bring something to Scotland no less special but rather more familiar in sound. A company The composer's production so talented deserves full houses brings the action further up to on its travels abroad.

> includes: Jacqueline Clarke, Tudor Davies, Richard Denning, Graham James, Bill Kerr, Eleanor Macready, Kenneth Nelson, Su Pollard, Jeannette Ranger and Una Stubbs. The production is devised, directed and choreographed by Wendy Toye and designed by Alan

The Amazons Wimbledon

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Ned Chaillet

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gris may have, in the sud they are fated to become "ordinary, age to go on calling each other weak, affectionate, chicken-hearted" women.

Arthur Wing Pinero's forgotten comedy is meant as a roung for clowns, a chance for women to carry guns and parade in Norfolk jackets and throw indian clubs, while men daugle the index for marriage. gotten comedy is meant as a romp for clowns, a chance for women to carry guns and parade in Norfolk jackets and parade in Norfolk jackets and the putting into love occur in a single afternoon and inevitably, I suppose the parade in Norfolk jackets and the putting into love occur in a single afternoon away of masculine gear and the countries in the putting into love occur in a single afternoon away of masculine gear and the litterly carries the burden of stability with fashionable ease.

English Bach Festival Festival Hall

Paul Griffiths

Properly speaking, the English Bach Pestival does not start antil the end of next month. until the end of next month.

Monday's concert was just
an appetizing treat. Leonard
Bernstein, the president of the
festival, had come over to conduct music by his predecessor
in that position, Stravinsky, as
well as the Magnificat in D by the festival's patron saint.

the festival's patron saint.
The two works by Stravinsky were Les Noces and the
Mass, both choral piecs, both
works of rival solemnity but
with the crucial difference that
the "Russian choreographic
scenes" were intended to transfer village ceremony to the
balletic stage whereas the Mass.
was meant for use in the
liturgy itself. It was one of the
strengths of Mr Bernstein's performancies that that difference formancies that that difference

came across clearly.

Pastel and virginal, the Mass was allowed to move according to its own breath as a work Argerich, for voices and wind instru-ments should. It was also good Zimerman to hear the piece done as alive.

For Les Noces, of course, Mr Bernstein took on the full EBF Chorus and at the same time he suddenly brought out his powerful human dynamism. The rhythms of the Mass had been let to unfold as they would; in Les Noces they had to be stamped out, sometimes too fiercely, so it seemed, for the comfort of the planists and

Straviusky preferred, with children's voices, especially when the Trinity Roys Chair

was so confident and true. Their blend with a small group of men from the EBF Chorus was excellent, and the instrumentalists of the EBF orchestra were always able to make their points without insistence.

percussion players.

More rehearsal might have streightened out the few places of danger. I hope there will be time for that before the piece, together with the Mass, is restricted for commencial released. corded for commercial release. But I suspect it was a mistake to ask four distinguished soloists to submit to the ensemble mechanics of this music, even if the combined playing of Martha Argerich, Homero, Francesch, Cyprien Katsaris and Krystlan Zimerman was often excitingly

Orfeo : Collegiate

Stanley Sadie

Kent. Opera's production of Orico, first seen at the Bath Festival last year, makes no attempt to reproduce the magnificence of a Renaissance court entertainment: no preeven the borough of Camden, can attempt to metch the resources of the Gonzaga family. But Jonathan Miller's simple, beautifully unified production serves Monteverdi well. It treats the work as a pastoral idyli-cum-tragedy. For a back-cloth he and the designer Bernard Culshaw have had some Poussin landscapes imi-teted by a modern artist, Daniel teted by a modern artist, Daniel Lang; and, while another man's Poussin may not be everyone's meat, the effect is attractive and harmonious. In front of it the shepherds, spirits and others moved in a simple, graceful, carefully stylized manner. We may mourn the absent splendours, deplore a simplicity that Striggio and Monteverdi could not conceivably have envisaged as parmer to their poenry and music; yet the production left words and notes free to speak eloquently.

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They duly did. The first act
in particular, where the conductor Roger Norrington kept the music moving at a good

mance came to move more slowly. That of course is proper, but possibly it was over-done; and a suspicion that Orpheus's flight was being visualized in terms more thun aptly romantic could not be avoided. The suspicion was confirmed by Mr Norrington's sur-prising substitution; twice, of Monteverdi's most pathetic ritornello for the expressively more ambiguous one he actually asked for.

Yet so much was right and well judged that I should not well judged may I should not complain too much. The en-semble of strings, recorders, cornetts and sackbuts and various continuo instruments (harp, chitterones, barpsichord, organ and a spiendidly buzzing regal) was handled so as to serve the drama, not just to provide a gorgeous sonic back-drop. The ensemble singing was superlatively good: spirited, confident, marvellously intense st, for example, "Ahi caso acerbo".

cerbo".

As Orpheus Peter Knapp sang poetically, especially at "VI ricorda", and, notably in the long Act V monologue, with an easy fivency and a strong feeling for the music's declamatory passages. Yet even so clear a baritone is too weights, particularly in the roundes of Possente spirto"; and in point of fact two young British scholars have just established that it was composed for a tracer among many other distenor. Among many other dis-tinguished smaller contributions pace, offered real enchantment, I would mention Rosalind Plowwith the beautifully sprung right's moving singing of the rhythms, the varied and authentic instrumental timbres, and the skilful singing.

With the onset of tragedy in Act II, however, the performance was uniformly well enunciated.

London debuts "Polish week" at the Wigmore, gentleness, with exactly app

Hall was the occasion for effect. several unusually exciting de-Kawalia was a mosician of a buts, including two by singers somewhat lesser order. Her technical accomplishment is from the Lodz Opera, Andrzej Malinowski proved bimself an excellent bass, commanding of presence and eloquent of voice. He does not have the rotund tones one associates with Slav basses; perhaps they will develop with time. What he does possess is agility, the capacity to throw his voice out with full force or restrain it for lyrical expression. In the Death Scene from Boris Godunov, for example, he was able to project the Tsar's remorse as feelingly as his magnificent defined. ance. And he was equally at home in Schubert or Verdi.

Mr Maknowski's colleague, the soprano Bozena Porzynska, was another versatile artist. Her rogramme ranged from a Carissimi aria to extracts from La forza del destino and Cavalleria rusticana, from songs by Schubert to others by Debussy, Ravel, Fella and Rachmaninov. It would be too much to say that everything she did was perfect: her command of foreign languages wavered, and sometimes her pitch did, too, when she was singing softly. But these were the faults of an artist who dared much and gave much pleasure. Her mezza voce in the French and Spanish sones was enchanting, and her confident display of vocal and dramatic power in "Pace, pace, mio Dio" halted all reservations. Here she reminded me of Anja Silja, another singer who

can turn from steel to melting

complete, and she has courage in her musical convictions; but I found her style unnecessarily strident. Certainly her manner was difficult to accept in Bach, whose Goldberg Variations and Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue formed the bulk of her pro-gramme. Her canonic playing was sometimes tempestuous, clear but too furiously driven, and elsewhere she seemed intent on emphasizing harmonic oddity at the expense of line. Chopin and Szymanowski proved more equal to her passion, though a more poetic touch would have been welcome on Outside " Polish week " there was an encouraging debut by the Austrian violinist Roswitha

The

pianist Bronislawa

Randacher. Perhaps she is not yet ready for the stresses of Bartok's solo sonata, even if she did reveal a good perform-ance in embryo. The rest of her programme, however, found her matching style to music with promising effectiveness. Mozart's Sonata in D was played graciously and with a supple response to movement of phrase; the Debussy sonata was lightly done, with happy touches of brilliance; and Schubert's Duo in A received a generously expressive per-formance to which Roman Ormer's pisno playing made an

important contribution.

Paul Griffiths

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from youterday's later editions.

The Times blueprint for radical tax reform

There is now general agreement, including agreement between the main political parties, that the structure and parties, that the structure and ted in the cumbersome and principles of our system of costly administration of the income tax are in need of Inland Revenue. income tax are in need of radical reform. The main areas of criticism are the following.

First, marginal rates of taxation are so high over such a wide range of incomes that they are a major depressant on the economy. This is clearest at the top end of the incomes scale where, in combination with the investment income scale where, in combination with the investment income surcharge, the marginal rate of

tax can reach 98 per cent. The impact is equally dramatic at the bottom end of the income scale where, in com-bination with means tested social security benefits, equally high effective marginal rates are increasingly common. At both ends of the scale this situation is bringing the income tax system into increasing disrepute and encouraging evasion

on a wide scale.

For the broad majority of income tax payers, also, the ligh threshold of the system, with the marginal rate for the first pound of taxable income set at 35 per cent, and the steep steps by which the marginal rate on earned income rises from 35 per cent to 83 per cent have two undesirable conse-quences. They mean that the liqu's share of the yield from income tax comes from those paring at the basic rate so that paying at the basic rate, so that the system as a whole is highly inflexible. And, at a psychological level, it makes people logical level, it makes people feel that they are being taxed at a much higher level than is on average the case. Thus, while the average British tax payer is paying less total tax as a proportion of his income than his counterpart in most other industrial countries, he is paying a much higher marginal rate, with all the disincentive that implies.

to require professional advice in making their tax returns. This complexity is also reflec-

Iffiand Revenue.

Thirdly, the system does not allow for the process of inflation. As prices and incomes rise, given marginal rates of the at lower and lower levels of "real" income.

While there is general agreement that the present system of ment that the present system of income tax suffers from these main and other defects, any reforming Chancellor is subject to severe constraints. Most of the easy ways of tackling the problems outlined world involve a substantial reduction in the yield of income tax.

Such a reduction in the immediate future might not be computible with the Government's policy, endorsed by the International Monetary Fund, of keeping the public sector's borrowing requirements under £8,700m in the next two financial years. A substantial increase in post-tax personal income might prejudice the reminder the reminder the reminder the reminder the reminder that the remainder that the reminder that the reminder that the reminder that the reminder that the remainder that quired transfer of resources from personal consumption to capital investment and the improvement in the balance of

rade.
Certain aspects of income tax
reform, desirable in themselves,
might make more difficult the
control of inflation in general creases in particular.
In its budget representations

this year, for example, the Confederation of British Industry calculated that the Exchequer would lose 2,800m in a full year on a reform programme made up of 2, 50 per cent in-crease in child allowances, a 10 per cent increase in all per-sonal tax allowances (other than child allowance), a reducnon of the basic tax rate from 35 per cent, an

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Investment income surcharge 1974/5 1975/6 1976/7 Source: Inland Revenue estimates.

incomes between £5,000 and £30,000 a year.
Since even this would fall far short of tackling the basic faults of the income tax system, it is clear that fundamental reform can only be achieved over several years.
The ritual of the annual occa-

sion positively encourages a Chancellor to experiment with the system as a whole in ways which accord with his political and social prejudices, or the supposed interests of his particular political constituents. icular political constituents.
This process has led many to
despair of the possibility of constructive and sustained reform. lem The Times offers here a coordinated programme for the reform of the income tax sys-

majority of tax payes can assess their own tax lability. As the table shows, he tax system has increasingly been used over the year for social purposes, for eample with children's or blin persons' allowance.

This has not proved to be

a particularly effective tay of meeting these problems and the various special allowance: substantially complicate the tax system. The current placed switch from allowance against tax for children to a cash alowance should be taken as the model for phasing out othertax allowances in such a way hat the majority of those recaing the concession are no wose

Mortgage interest and lie that implies.

Secondly, the system is so the investment income survey are unable to understand it. The majority of those, in one within the PAYE system seem gression for those with taxable in the United States, the investment income within the PAYE system seem gression for those with taxable in the United States, the investment income survey and in the distriction of the system and if and replaced by a spooth progression of tax rates, ing income tax over major budget decision of the system and if and replaced by a spooth progression of tax rates, ing income tax over mexitive to 10 years to the outlines of the marginal tax rate up to a similar strategic plan, the distriction in the contract of the outlines of the marginal tax rate up to a similar strategic plan, the distriction in the contract of the outlines of the marginal tax rate up to a similar strategic plan, the distriction in the contract of the marginal tax rate up to a similar strategic plan, the distriction in the contract of the marginal tax rate up to a similar strategic plan, the marginal tax rate up to a similar strategic plan, the distriction in the contract of the premiums should be extended to mort the marginal tax rate up to a similar strategic plan, the distriction in the contract of the marginal tax rate up to a similar strategic plan, the marginal tax rate up to a similar strategic plan, the marginal tax rate up to a similar strategic plan, the marginal tax rate up to a similar strategic plan, the marginal tax rate up to a similar strategic plan, the marginal tax rate up to a similar strategic plan, the marginal tax rate up to a similar strategic plan, the marginal tax rate up to a similar strategic plan, the marginal tax rate up to a similar strategic plan, the marginal tax rate up to a similar strategic plan, the marginal tax rate up to a similar strategic plan, the marginal tax

tax directly from the Inland Revenue. This could be either at the individual's tax rate for a mortgage or at a negotiated assurance premiums. In this way the tax calculation would have been removed from the individual's PAYE coding, or

annual tax return. Wife's earned income allow-

Under the greatly simplified tax assessment system (see table) the general introduction of separate taxation for wives comings and the abolition of this allowance should be con-

Tax assessment:

With all subsidiary reliefs and allowances removed for the majority of taxpayers, tax coding would be greatly simplified. For example, there could be just two rates of deduction, one for a single man and another for a married man, whose wife was not working. The saving in administration for the Inland Revenue and for employers would be dramatic. Tax assessment at the end of the year would be equally

Tax rates and progression: The translation of tax allow ances described above might, as with the new child allowances. be to the disadvantage of those on the highest rates of tax. This should be balanced by other changes in the structure

of the tax system.

The concept of the basic rate of tax, with higher rates, should be abolished. The starting rate for tax should be reduced to 25 per cent, to make the threshold into the tax system less high. The existing "bands" for taxable income should be abolished and replaced by a

really) the choice is going to be made in such a fashion as to

ensure that it will effectively be in the hands of the union

Yet if the Buillock Com-

Yet if the Bullock Com-natze's proposals do not be-ome law (and if they do not or so in full, they may yet do s in significant part), it will only be because of the diffi-city of getting them through Purkament, not because of the power they would put into saids unfir to wield it. Worse is the suzgestion, now being

is the suggestion, now being vigorously pressed by the

society would then reclaim the no social or economic justification.
The combinations of these

reforms would enable an individual armed with tax tables to enter them with his or her gross income for the year and read from them the income tax liability incurred. There is no reason why the overwhelm-ing majority of taxpayers could not be accommodated, within not be accommodated within such a simplified system. The computation of the tax tables would include the personal tax allowance. There could be one table each year for single persons and another for married couples with only one income. The personal allowance and tax rates of the system should be adjusted annually to reflect the impact of inflation.

The "poverty tran"

Since the problem arises from
the fact that the level of supplementary benefits judged to be
the minimum that is acceptable can in an increasing number of families total more than the personal allowance against tax, the solution can only lie in increasing the relative value of the personal allowance.

The proper relationship could not be restored in one year, or even two. The immediate requirement is that it should not be allowed to become even worse. The policy for the pro-gramme should be that changes in income tax thresholds and social security benefits should be so coordinated over the next five years that by the end of the period some differential has been reestablished.

Since texation has to do with the distribution of income, which goes to the heart of politics itself, it is an illusion to suppose that the issue of income tax can be "taken out the income." of politics. Different political parties will have different priorities. If, however, all major budget decisions affecting income tax over, say, the next five to 10 years conformed to the outlines of this, or a similar strategic plan, the result in the end would be more

different and even more overtiy collectivist mould.) Throughout

government machine—and it is a formidable weight—presses down on those who will not fit the established norm of mini-mum standards. The self-

state: shose who event choice

are refused it, so that they may be made indistinguishable from

those who do not want it.

The triple currents of this

tide—the state's share of the country's economic life, the in-

creased role of the union bosses

in decisions that they are neither equipped not democrati-cally authorized to take, and the

conformist pressure on the indi-

vidual are together terribly powerful. In and eround the present Government there are

few who want to resist the tide, many who want to increase its force, and almost none able to

orte, and sanost none are to stem it even if they would. Only by getting rid of the government and its attitudes (and thus, incidentally, giving Labour a chance to decide whether it wants to go on all the way to totalizarianism or

hope to find the programme and the resolution to start un-winding the devil's skein in

which we are entangled. There

which we are entangled. There is no guarantee that we shall achieve anything of the sort under Mrs Thatcher; but it seems to me that we shall certainly not achieve it under Labour. That is why I hope the Government will fall tonight, and why I mink the country is

society, the weight of

Britain's trade, and the Arab blacklist

Few people in Britain realiza the extent to which British companies, involved in the vital export market, are being subjected to pressure to participate in the Arab boycott against Israel. Fewer are aware of the pusillanimity of the British Government in helping industry meet this challenge.

The boycott has existed since the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, but has only become of major significance since the explosion in oil prices in 1973. The threat of the withdrawal of Arab business now means the potential loss of a vast market and this had led; in the past few weeks alone, to major firms succumbing to Arab representations.

The boycott takes a number of different forms. The "primary" boycott involves / the refusal of Arab countries to trade with Israel directly or to buy Israeli goods through third countries. These activities are do not involve Britain.

The "" secondary " baycott directly affects us as it in-volves the blacklisting of firms in Britain who include in com-mercial or financial transac-tions which promote the economic development of Israel. Thus British hims, fearing the boycott, failed to tender for the building of tug boats for the Israel Port Authority and £3,500,000 worth of business went to Norway Instead. Like-wise, seven: British construc-tion wise, seven himsel declined to tion companies declined to tender for the Haifa Porti Extension project worth over 19m for fear of reprisels. In practice, even blacklisted companies beve coordined trading with the Arab world if they with the Arab world it they have goods which are badly wanted, as British Leyland, found with their export of trucks. The effect of this sepect of the boycott probably harms Britain more than Israel. Last year our imports from Israel went up by nearly 41 per cent, but our exports to

Thirdly, there is also the self-inflicted boycott whereby some companies refuse to buy from other companies that are on the Arab blacklist, even if in the same mould. (Let elone a successor, like Mr Benn, in a they themselves do not trade with Israel. This element is significant and illustrates the pressures that are at work.

41 per cent, but our exports to that country increased by only

Fine words. but fine deeds? mum standards. The self-employed are penalized for their energy, to make it clear that they would be better as parts of a mass; those who save are financially punished for their thrift, so that they too may give up trying to fend for the meselves and rely on the state; those who want object.

The attitude of the British have been complied with, Such reports of compliance should be open for public inspection.

Government seems, an first be open for public inspection.

glance, to be admirable. Such the considered staking compliance demned all boycotts, which with the English that would enable arising the United Nations or interesting the United Nations or interesting the United Nations or interesting the United Nations of interesting the compliance of the British in the United Nations of interesting the compliance of the British in the British i national law. Both Peter Shore. and Edmind Dell have made it quits clear that they have be sympathy for the Arab boycht and unreservedly deplore it. These have been size words

but they have not been metched by deeds. Whenever action has been called for the Government have emphasized that each British company must make its own decision on the basis of commercial considerations, whether to comply with the boycott and cease with the boycott and coase trading with Israel. The Government refused either to respect to encourage British firms to refuse to comply with the boycott. They upon, Iran or South Africa, and respect, however, the be contrary to international

Indeed, the Foreign Office even allows its officials to authenticate the signatures on negative or discriminatory cer-tificates of origin which guarantee that goods did not originate in Israel and which are required by certain Arab governments, in particular Iraq. It is ironic and sad that Labour. That is why I hope the Government will fall tonight, and why I think the country is in great peril if it does not.

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The labour of the country is a configuration of the configuration of the configuration of the configuration of the country is a configuration of the configuratio

Giy Ded's coming round to

The Government's claim that international practice is simply

vigorous action against the boycott. The United States Commerce Department has stopped circulating trade opportunities and tenders which include discriminatory provisions. American exporters are prohibited from answering or complying with boycott requests and the Exim Bank, similar to ECGD, has been instructed not to handle con-tracts which include Arab boy-cott clause. President Carter has promised further action and state governments in Cali-fornia and New York have fol-

Government has pledged itself

Likewise,

Government has pledged itself to take measures to dely its support facilities for such trade transactions that would further the boycott, and the Durch Government has taken similar action in respect of its own officials and departments. There is no doubt that British firms would were an early Government miniative. At present few firms feel strong enough to resist Arab pressure enough to resist Arab pressure and they can be picked off one by one. They would dearly like by one. Trey would dearly like to be able to say to the Boycott Office in Demascus:
"Much so we might wish to
comply with your fequirements our own government will not
permit as.". As one company
has said in a letter to me, the
Government have "got it all
covernment hav Government have got it all wrong in refusing to take action.

The ase for ondemning

A number of urgent maps are required. Firstly, the Govrnment should not merely conemn the boycost but also, officially and meguivocally, conemn compliance with it. Scondly, all government descriments, offices and insti-tusons should be instructed no to comply with the boycont art, in particular, the Foreign Olice should cease authentibring signatures on discrim-hatory certificates of origin. Thirdly, the Government sould ensure that neiner stionalized industries, not the IEB, nor any company in which stere is a majority pub-ic interest in any way comply

with the boycott.
Fourthly, British firms should be legally obliged to notify the Department of Trace of any hypoth Potential they receive and whether they have been earlied whether they

tish hasinessmen to give a prompt and effective response to boycott pressure. Firstly, Britain should use its present chairmanship of the Council of Ministers to press for concerted EEC action Arti-cles 85, 86 and 90 of the Treaty of Rome condemn ecohomic boycotts and discrim-

inatory trade practices and they should be used to provide Espoase to the problem.

At present the boycott is mergy one feature of the Middle Bast dilemma. Fallure to n one respect, however, the roycott of Israel is even more the threats for compliance with the boycott are not coming from British political parties or interests but from foreign governments. That foreign governments. That justifies the British Govern-

and indefensible external pressures. Malcolm Rifkind The author is Conservative MP

ment intervening to protect

not merely its trade but also

its citizens from illegitimate

Bernard Levin

Our chance to stem the floodtide of state control

put to the question; not even form of parliamentary demo-Mr Caliaghan, whatever deals cracy was finally established. he may have done, or yet The residuary legates of Suez managed to do, with the Liberuls or Mr Powell or the Nationalisms, can now come up with any further procedural dodge or trick (of the kind he employed last, week, for instance) to oil out of letting, the House of Commons decide whether his Government shall political galcanery, did to the whether his Government shall fall now or continue to totter. Which shall it be? As I said

yesterday, I am not concerned to count heads and predict out-comes. If I am right in my the future of this country for the Government to be turned out, to face a general election. and to lose it, I am not less right if it does not happen. But why, spart from this Government's almost unique record of failure, incapacity and untruth-fulness, do I believe that whatever is to happen; that is what

I believe that the crisis which this country faces is not pri-marily economic, though if marry economic, though it catastrophe is to engulf us it will probably do so by that route. In the most important sense of all, the crisis is not political either; indeed, is resolution depends on our resolution depends on our ability to transcend politics, or at least to stop seeking political at least to stop seeking political solutions to problems that lie for deeper than anything we understand by that word. But for the moment—in the House tonight and in the country at large if an election follows—it is the political field on which the battle is to be fought.

I have thought for a good many years, and think so more strongly rather than less as which it is already being pur-time goes by, that the succeed-ing of Harold Macmillan by Harold Wison (with only a brief and irrelevant interlude and, if some have their way, under Sir Alec) was the most will be? Of course he knows. disastrous political occurrence And do you suppose he wants

would study the small print before doing any deal with the

Liberals. For if it includes any commitment to initiate legisla-

tion recommended at the Liberal Party conference at Liandudno last September, we are in for some highly eccentric statutes.

the conference, for example, called for a "War on Waste"; one aim of which was "en-

conraging the concentration of

resources at the critical points in the life-long educational pro-

mentary draughtsmen have solved that one, they might have to grapple with protecting

the rights of nomadic peoples, to which the Liberals devoted

fuli hour of conference bare. "Nomadic peoples" is

a polite term for gypsies, many of whom are believed to be

Then there are John Pardoe's

Then these are join randors zany plans for the economy. We have not heard much lately of the "inflation tax" which he invented for the 1974 elections, but the Party conference did resolve to look into ways of abolishing income tax. No doubt

it was simply through an over-sight that they did not couple this with a plan to give free

Another cherished Liberal policy is the rapid construction the Severn Barrage. I. am

beer to the workers.

An important resolution at the conference, for example, it could ease the Government's difficulties over devolution.

And will Mr Steel's package include the Young Liberals, with their obsession about rights to be a second of their terms.

Sick

Tonight the Government will be in Britain since the modern political chicanery did to the foundations of democracy; Wilson had none. But between them, as I wrote as long ago as 1970, they "managed to empty the decade of political principle and scour the vessel". Had Hugh Gaitskell lived; had Butler besten Macmillan in 1957; these are the fruitless speculations of idle hours. What

what we have we have.

What we have is government

by expedience. Now I am not so naive as to believe that any democratic government can be free of it; but what we suffer at present is government by expedience and nothing else.

Mr Callaghan and his colleagues have procked to any individual or group with power, and the truckling has included paying any price, however damaging to the country or the people in it, that the power-brokers demand. A single example: do you really suppose that Mr Castarhan, who is a decent man though a weak one, and as honograble as he can be within the confines of reality, and certhe confines of reality, and cer-tainly not vengeful or cruel in env sense, do you really suppose that he does not know how rotesquely unjustified is the closed shop? legislation his Government has put through, or how vile is the spite with which it is already being pur-

for homosexuals and their threat to sabotage European

Parliamentary elections if they are not conducted by proportional representation? I doubt whether Andy Beyan, the Labour Party's new youth officer, will find them at all easy to work with

to work with.

The deal seems fraught with danger, particularly the bit about the life-long educational process. Callaghan should have

nothing to do with it. Better to call, an election, and win it.

An intriguing one man show is

running twice daily at the Whitehall Theatre this week.

Perer Casson, who according to his own publicity is the world's

leading expert on tobacco addiction, is offering a 15-

policy is the rapid construction minute cure for smoking from eyes and imagine a cigarette. Then be asked us to try as hard uncloser about the technicalities, the equally addictive habit of as possible to think of being but if the project includes Brian Rix farces. My pipe

Already we know that much more than half of the country's economic activity is generated or directly controlled by the state, and the proportion continues to grow we got was what we got; and

that or approves of it? Of whetever else his party is, it is course he does not. Then why have we got it? Because those more concerned to stay in office than to refuse to do what they knew was grievous wrong. And that has been the

story throughout. Do not tell me that Mr Callaghan is a real politician who lives in a real world, and therefore cannot afford to acquire principles or m be ruled by principles he picks up accidentally. It is precisely the fact that he is such a politician, combined with the facts of how he came to be such a politician, and where, being such a politician, he will now go, that convinces me of the necessity of getting rid of him and his Government. For whether the government be Labour or Conservative there is a critical and servative, there is a critical and urgent need for it to row against the tide. Whatever else Mr Callaghan is, he is not a man for that task; whatever else his Government is, it is not a government for that duty;

smoking reporter paid a pound and joined the audience. He

London evening paper went unnoticed or there is a dismal lack of will to kick the habit;

an audience of barely 30 dotted

an aumence of barrely 30 dorsed themselves in twos and threes about the stalls, and gazed at a black-curtained stage whose only prop was a large notice proclaiming: "No smoking in the auditorium". Casson, a sober-suited avuncular figure, entered right and took the microphone.

cough broke the silence from the stalls until Casson, having said we did not want to hear the gory details of a lung cancer operation, proceeded to

describe one in every intimate particular. There were groups

and other nauseous responses.

"I have used this technique for 30 years, and it does work", he continued, adding that he did not intend to hypnotize us. Instead he asked us to close our gress and imagine a cigarette.

Either the advertisement in a

The Times Diary

I hope he reads the small print

not a party for that effort.

Are the people to live for the state, or the state for the people? No, that is not an oversimplification; not long ago it would have been, but it is not new. Already we know that much more than half of the country's economic activity is generated or directly controlled by the state, and the proportion continues to grow. And if the left hand of the Labour Party continues to strengthen its grip, that proportion will grow greater, and do so more rapidly. basis of the advancement to real tyranny. Look, for another, equally random but no less significant instance, at the tone and thrust of the main proposals of the Bullock Commit-tee. (And remember that the membership and the terms of reference made such proposals inevitable.) The main thing on

Lasour left, that trade union noninees should sit, without being elected, on local authorities Worse still is the gradual assumption of powers higherto reserved to an elected Parliament, and the government formed from it, by a movement which still represents less than which still represents less than half of even the employed population; as in the abdica-tion by the Government of con-But that is only the economic

which the majority seem deter-mined is the elimination of democracy in the choice of employee directors; for the workers in a factory to elect the representative they want

feel sick, see a cigarette", he intoned lugubriously several

A sceptical Scotsman in the audience said he could not feel sick whatever he thought of.

"Tve met Scotsmen like you before", remrted Casson. Try sticking your fingers in your throat."

A well-spoken woman asked

him if she could not be allowed.

to think of something less disagreeable. No, she could not; the technique worked on conditioned reflexes, like Pavlov's

From the back of the stalls, a man challenged Casson to produce figures of the number of people who had stopped smoking by using his technique. Casson hedged, and would say only that he had received "hundreds of letters" from satisfied customers. "I do not guarantee that it will work; but it is an effective psycho-medical

it is an effective psycho-medical

it is an effective psycho-medical technique."

Casson admitted that smokers who stopped tended to put on weight, but he was about to bring out a gramophone record course to cure that, too. Meanwhile, we might like to buy his record of the smoking course as we left the hall, price £1.

None of the audience seemed particularly impressed as they

particularly impressed as they filed out. But it was a pound spent on something less lethal than two packets of cigarettes, and they did not light up until they were well clear of the

non by the Government of con-trol over even the meaning of the present incomes policy (the Government said that the 56 rise was a maximum, but Mr Jones said it was an enable, ment and Mr Jones's view was the one adopted). There is no such thing, in the hog run, as a state which is both collectivist and democratic. When central and local government shike continue to appropriate more and more of the people's wealth and to spend it (to say nothing of wasting it) on the people's bewasting it) on the people's behalf, those pursuing such poli-cies start from, and end at, the proposition that government knows what the people want better than the people do. I believe hat proposition to be profoundy mistaken; but even those who do not can hardly maintain that it is democratic.

. Yet thet is what lies beneath this Government's assistade, come Wilson, come Callaghan,

This sign was photographed in Geneva by Brian Lane, who sees it as an example of Swiss compassion in providing parking space for the pregnant.

New look

Rupert Murdoch, he Australian who owns The Sun, is trainan wine owns The Sun, is trying to duplicate the success he has made of the most recent acquisitions, the New York Post. He bought the ailing afternoon paper has last year from Dorothy Schiff, and

year from Dorothy Schiff, and this week it has appeared with a bright new look.

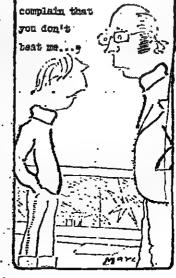
It has, to begin with, a new masthead, which drops the claim, presumably regarded as fuddy-duddy, to being the ddest continuously published daily in the United States. And it amounced isself as full of news and newness—new looks. news and newness—new looks, new features, new people". The actual unnovations, mind. you, seemed a bit scant com-pared with those claims. There

is a new television section and an extra page of comic strips; "there's more coming". Even before this week, it had been exhibiting a much livelier approach than before the takeover, compering with the ciry's morning tabloid, the Daily News, in the size of its headline type. During the Black Muslim seige in Washington, the headlines at one point drove the actual story quite off the The Murdoch regime has

introduced a page of gossip, which is ingily regarded by connoisseurs of the genre, and which has been copied by the Daily News. The Post, which used to have a rather musty air, is certainly having the cobwebs brushed away.

Murdoch's other recent Transatlantic acquisition is the New York Magazine Company, which published New York, The Village Voice and New West. The takeover itself was a dramatic business, carried out against the opposition of many of the company's executives and of the company's executives and staff, but the magazines have remained largely unaffected. Murdoch thinks their formula is successful, and is not inclined to meddle.

I do not think it would be safe to attempt to purchase the property in Nelson, New Zea-land, outside which a reader spotted a board offering for sale "by public auction at the Hard of Hearing Rooms".



No road

Some weeks ago I instituted a national search for the A42 trunk road which, alone among the numbers from one to 90, was missing from the map. It was eventually revealed that the number was held in reserve for a new by-pass round Slough, but now that plan, too, has come to nought. The local Liberals, who have

been campaigning against the

new road, asked for the allocation of the number A42 to be cancelled to show the proposed route had been aban-doned. The Department of Transport and Berkshire County Council have agreed—and A42 is going nowhere again.

for Edinburgh, Pentlands.

Warmed over

The Daily Mail Diary, which is not slow to criticize errors and sottises in rival newspapers, takes it hard when it finds itself on the receiving end of the same treatment. Yesterday it ran a peered retort to my item last Friday pointing out that its "revelation" of the name of the new United States ambassador in London came just three days before the job was given to someone quite different.

was given to someone quite different.

In strange retaliation, the Mail plans to reprint this week some highlights from this Diary. This relief from their usual diet of gossip about the love lives of models and racing drivers will be a rare treat for Mail readers. They will, it is true, be getting their news a day later than you who take The Times, but that is about par for the course.

If it wants to avoid the charge of political bias, the BBC will have to change the humn in today's Daily Scruce on Radio 4: "Come, Labour on".

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YUGOSLA

a Special Report





of the party by Dessa Trevisan

to iron-fisted rule, nor was it only a matter of economic ecessity. Yugoslavia was reversing the liberal trend Fire years ago when Presi which went too far and was dent Tito took the sledge breatening to disintegrate hammer to crack liberalism, he party; measures were it seemed that Yugoslavia aken to ensure that the was beading back to the arry should be strong and orthodox communist fold, scriplined and able to cope With much sound and fury ith any storms. the Leegue of Communists was reasserting authority but the ount postalism reover all aspects of life and

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The outcry against not a single area of public esmies of all colours and activity—from the press to universities, literature, music, and even plastic arts—was left untouched.

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ping its exciting experiment too unserous to slacken the and returning to hard-fisted reins rule. The optimists said it was only a passing phase. So he has opted for a necessitated by economics stron. Communist Party as rather than politics. In the a safeguard against a crisis and the good and the bad but it is Marxism which clearly Mr Edward Kardeli, but it is Marxism which clearly Mr Edward Kardeli, but it is Marxism which been reintroduced in schools, The first among equals is but it is Marxism which clearly Mr Edvard Kardelj, figures, last year the enjoys official blessing and selection of the communication of the c

supports the party line. police have been more active and a system called social self-protection was devised to instil, so it would seem, security consciousness into tary of the executive bureau, every dissident mind. The Mr Stane Dolanc, who be-Yugoslavs scoff at such sug. came secretary in 1972 and gestions and say that self has been the most efficient gestions and say that self protection does not mean that, but there is much talk of security and of enemies internal and external trying to subvert and disrupt the Yugoslav state. .

Pretext to Soviet Union

to intervene

Bebind it all lies the ever. present awareness that with-

out President Tito Yugoslavia could not afford internal crises. The danger to its independence would inevitably increase if interual squabbles were allowed to-lead-to-major-upheavals which would provide a pretext to the Soviet Union to The Yugoslavs talk of it

quite openly and although they do not talk of Russia, their meaning is clear. A. highly placed Yugoslav geueral recently said that a major crisis or a crude error could provide a pretext for an artempt to invade Yugoslavia but he also said that. if attacked, Yugoslavia would fight back.

Since the invasion of Czechoslovakia the Yugo-. claimed a total defence sysguerrilla fighter in case of ist squabbles.

illegal and industry has been semenced for plotting to developed to produce ad break up Yugoslavia and developed to produce ad break up Yugoslavia and uccused of Croatian separatvanced equipment for the Armed Forces.

presidency rotates annually smong six republican and two regional leaders. How Yugoslavia may fare after President Tito is the question which has been intriguing East and West as well as his Yugoslav countrymen

theoretician of Yugoslavia's specific socialis At the same time the system, Next to him is Dr Tito since the last war. There is also the dynamic secre and effective secretary of the party since President Tito.

Perhaps these men and other leaders will represent a capable and effective team. although several are handi-cupped by poor health. No man on his own could ever assume President Tito's authority. None the less these three men are regarded as his closest advisers and as men who could act as arbi ters in a collective leader ship.

But for most of the 21 million Yugoslavs the ques-tion of President Tito's successor appears less acute. What they worry about is the prospect of Soviet pressures increasing and of their ability to rally in the face of it.

They rullied in 1948 when Yugoslavia was expelled from the Comintorm, and in 1968 when Czechoslovakia was invaded. But the trouble is that when external day gers recede nationalist dis sensions may appear.

> Challenge to right". of police

In the past there were lin guistic quarrels, budget dis-putes and splits in the Communist Party when the Croa-tian nationalist leaders were ousted by President Tito in slavs have reorganized their 1971 in the worst crisis in This is why President Tito has decided to keep the bodied citizen a potential and discourage all national

or attack.

Over the past few years
Capitulation has been made about 200 people have been ism and Albanian nationalism. About 300 pro-Soviet To provide for an orderly dissidents have been sensuccession President Tito has tenced to long terms in set up a system of collective prison and Yngoslavia claims set up a system or conjective to have evidence that some leadership under which the to have evidence that some leadership under support. It is Soviet subversion which

the Yugoslays fear most But with all its recent setbacks Yugoslavia is still more free than any other country in East Europe. The freedom to travel

including the importance of detente, are examined on page IV

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official figures, to fewer slavia and cheap package than 200 people. A group tours for weekend shopping of citizens recently took up in Paris, London or Rome the case with the constitutional court and have challenged the right of the police of 1.300,000, has more than and bistories. It is something to defend the constitutional court and have challenged the right of the police of 1.300,000, has more than and bistories. It is something in recent years. The reins to confiscate passports on 400,000 private cars; shops all Yugoslavs have in community with their different but their affluence and many cultures, languages, religions other gains they have made and bistories. It is something in recent years. The reins to confiscate passports on 400,000 private cars; shops all Yugoslavs have in community in the latest term quality; and customers devotion to Independence deal better off than most figures, last year there were spending more than they which on many occasions has countries in Eastern Europe

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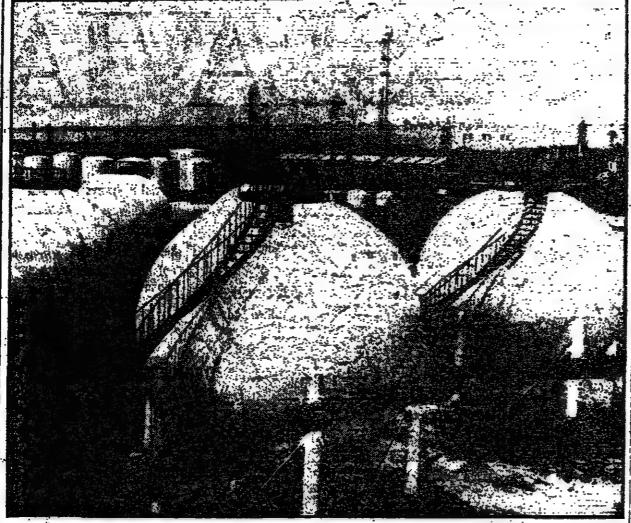
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A petrochemical complex at Zagreb, with ethylene storage tanks in the foreground,

Worker-management debate goes back to basics

by Fred Singleton

The right of workers to participate in the management of the enterprises in which they work is under discussion in all industrial societies. Some form of direct workers, control has been a constant theme in socialist thinking.

It appeared during the Paris Commune in Cata-Ionia during the Spanish Civil War, in the early days of the Russian revolution and in the Polish, Hungarian and Czechoskovak movements against Soviet domi-

There is a clear distincion between the socialist tradition of workers' control and the liberal tradition of participation. . The

Laski's 'words—"10 change activity, inclining we have, councils on, nowever, retain the everyday habits of education, culture and local the ultimate power to government. Yugoslaviz revoke such delegation of In the early stages the declared itself to be a socia-authority.

Yugoslavs followed closely list self-managed society. A sense of participation is the Stalinist Soviet model. This was in spite of the fact often given to the shopfloor that in the careful participation and that 20 per cent of the land worker by the hard of the land worker by the height of the land. the Stalinist Sovier model This was in spite of the fact often given to the shopfloor both in the constitution and in the methods of economic was still in private hands planning. This phase of and there was a large Face-to-face discussion at it dictatorship of the prole-grey area of private the point of production the party, was dealt a severe blow by the expulsion of Yugoslavia from the Cominform in 1948.

As one prominent party Associated Labour fills in the party official later admitted, until the firm would claim that either of intellectuals in the party them is likely fully to be in from the apathy, irrational that of Marxism. They had Unlike many previous enactive bloody-mindedness that are studied Marx mainly ments they do not merely part of the human inhere

study of his time. They had contact hany previous enact bloody-mindedness that are studied. Marx mainly ments they do not merely part of the human inher-through Lenin and Stalin. register de facto changes itance. They cannot forget When they examined the which had already occurred, their own complex and troubasic Marxist texts, they They reach forward to a bled history. found, among other things, model of a society in which. The ideal of workers'

Marxist theory, which puts great emphasis on dustry work in practice? It ownership of the means of is very difficult for an outproduction, was seen as of sider or even for a Yugo secondary importance. He slav—to give a simple believed that a satisfactory answer. One can perhaps theory would develop from quote a few examples and the day-to-day experience risk a few generalizations. the day-to-day experts of life in the factories.

There is, of course, an economy has made consider-evolving Yugoslav theory of able progress in the past 30 self-management and it years, and its performance finds expression in political in terms of economic speeches, academic articles growth compares favourably and in the laws governing with that of other econo-social relations. The new mies which started at the Law on Associated Labour same level after the war. passed last year is the latest in a series of enactments which have kept pace with as signs of growing pains or the development of the sys of inevitable human failtem since 1950.

At first sight self-manage, et, as in the 1950s, supment applied only to fac pressed as manifestations of tories. The scope of the subversion.

workers' councils was res-tricted to the allocation of small amounts of surplus the size of their pay packet, income in the form of the The chairman of a workers' thirteenth month wage, council in a modern Slovene and to an advisory role in printing works told me that matters such as welfare and the best attended meeting safety provisions. As time was the annual discussion passed, three main changes on the fixing of income differentials. This issue was councils increased to cover solved attendance declined decisions over the appoint, and the technical manager.

decisions over the appoint and the technical manage ment of managers. This was ment was left to get of done in association with the with the job of managing economic councils of local Occasionally the workers economic councils of local occasionally the workers communes. The allocation of are roused to anger if the investments, fixing of inmanaging board appears to comes and the broad policy objectives of an enterprise occurred, for example, in a also fell within the range of plastics firm where a Bridecisions taken by workers.

The machinery of self-management became into with an Italian suppressingly complicated as plier. The British firm had enterprises became larger in already supplied machines response to technological which the workers diked, advances and the growth of but the Italians sought to

response to technological which the workers diked, advances and the growth of but the Italians sought to competition. The decision in win the new contract by a the early 1960s to join "the crude piece of bribery, international division of The top managers were labour" and to break down flown to Italy for a binge the artificial protection and returned with a contract the closed Vurselant test. the artificial protection and returned with a which the closed Yugoslav tract already initialled

difference is that between market — had — hitherto subject to ratification by supplier, followed by Russia its development has ben, finues, to, permit much revolutionary changes and an improvement in lines of into direct contact, with the workers and management. This meant—both the im-contract and successfully in the Pugoslavis would claim larger economic units to Much of the ectivity in the Yugoslavis's revolution to have achieved both object face foreign competition. In volving workers self-tives.

Yugoslavis's revolution occurred during the later employed only 200 people, these, occasional conflicts and managing boards. In communitied deep partisans over the various royalist and nationalist factions.

This revolution changed the organic content of the concept of self-capital, partnership or surce and an anaging boards. In the strict of the concept of self-capital, partnership or surce levels down to those the sconomy. most fundamental revolu management was widened to inceusing agreements are tionary aim—in Harold cover all aspects of social concerned. The workers' Laski's words—"to change activity, including welfare, councils do, however, retain the everyday habits of education, culture and local the ultimate power to ordinary people".

Yugoslavia revoke such delegation of agreements are The workers

the germ of workers' self- workers dispose of the full democracy is tarmished by management.

fruits of their labour.

corruption and the misuse This is not to suggest that The question of owner of power; it is restricted by the 1950 Law on Workers' ship is solved by abolishing the exigencies of life in a Collectives was introduced it. No one actually owns the barth and competitive Collectives was introduced it. No one actually owns the barsh and competitive in response to a theoretical means of production. They world. The state apparatus, analysis of Marxist classics, are socially managed by the party and the banks all Rather, as so often in workers' collectives on have powers to intervene, Yugoslavia, the theoretical behalf of society. The role although as far as possible gloss was an ex post facto of the state—in pre-self persuasion, social pressure justification for a pragmatic management days the and voluntary social conjustification for a progmatic management days the and voluntary social response in a particular sit owner—is reduced to that tracts, are preferred of residual custodian to pre- crude administrative orders.

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Yugoslavia's road to sociaserve the socialist frame. Yugoslav workers' selflism developed from hard
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The author is charman.

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small towns have elected to take the risk of unemploy-ment in Belgrade and other cities. On the eve of the Second World War, threequarters of Yugoslavs lived on the land. The propor-tion has now been halved. This social revolution makes heavy demands on investment funds to provide essential urban services for

the new arrivals.

The increase in living

shows how much more Yugo-

ration for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Last year the Soviet Union, Italy and West Geryears ago, when the fount voked political friction, but many were the three best markets—for Yugoslav exports. West Germany was easily the most important orbit and within the Soviet Yugoslavia develops as a casily the most important orbit and wist within the Soviet Yugoslavia develops as a condition of the importance of commercial links with the Soviet of the soviet

price levels down to those of the previous year. Basically, wages depend on the productivity of the self-

The theory is set out the 1974 constitution: "The

its income until it receives and bonds.

Productivity, which imrhe 1960s, has been stagnant

Different solution to familiar economic difficulties

People who could find work

in rural communities and

It is only 12 years since

by Denis Taylor

The economic problems facing Yugoslavia—inflation, unemployment, low productivity, a precarious trade ba ance—are familiar enough to the British. The economic organization of the two countries is quite distinct but the difficulties they have to cope with are not

Yugoslav inflation Tates have slowed in the past year. Consumer prices rose overall by about 9 per cent in 1976, and this trend is apparently communing into 1977. The comparable figure for 1975 was 17.5 per cent and for 1974 it was

costs was measured at 12 per cent last year, as against 28.3 per cent in 1975 and 22.4 per cent in 1974.

This inflation - pattern pion. shows how much more Yugo-slavia is exposed to inter-national economic influences impression is that life is still like the recent recession, austere. However, cross into compared with the countries Yugoslavia from Romania of the Soviet block. A leadof the Soviet block. A leading preoccupation of the
Yugoslavs is to avoid inflation levels significantly out
of line with those prevailing be filled with wonder if the
in the nations of the Organic could see the shopwindow.

The switch the treation for Fernancia Courses. zation for Economic Coopera displays in the Yugosla

managing enterprises and groups of enterprises.

compliance with mutual responsibility and solidarity and with socially determined fundamentals of and criteria for the acquisition and dis-

But many undertakings are running at a loss, and they have been told to restore profitability. Under a law of 1976 a self-managed enterprise cannot calculate relevant cash, cheques

in the past two years. The economy grew by between 3 and 4 per cent, and employment expanded at a similar

Failure to improve productivity circumscribes not only the wages Yugoslavs can afford to pay themselves. ness in world markets. A though Yugoslavia considers itself a developing country its exports are not cheap the same applies to locally produced consumer goods sold on the domestic market. The extent of unemployment is difficult to assess Statistics for last December show 665,000 people registered as seeking jobs, and 40,000 vacancies. The global

show how many guest workers have returned home reage is privately farmed, lechanization and a better te of fertilizers characterize cirily run egriculture, hich has about double the West European countries as a result of the recession and have registered as looking for employment.
But the trend of registraemparative output of the

rivate sector. tions reflects a massive flight from the land to urban areas. The size of the socialized arms, nearly all of which re more than 500 hectares, flows specialized production and the development of

he most efficent and the nost backward of farms is ust one of the disparities in conomic standard Per capita gnp in Slovenia s six times higher than that n Kosovo. The percentage

of households owning a car s four times higher in the Yugloslavia opted for the dir rich northern regulic than cipline of market forces. Fo he southern autonomous the foreseeable future this rovince with its mainly will be a country in transi- Libanian population. If tion.

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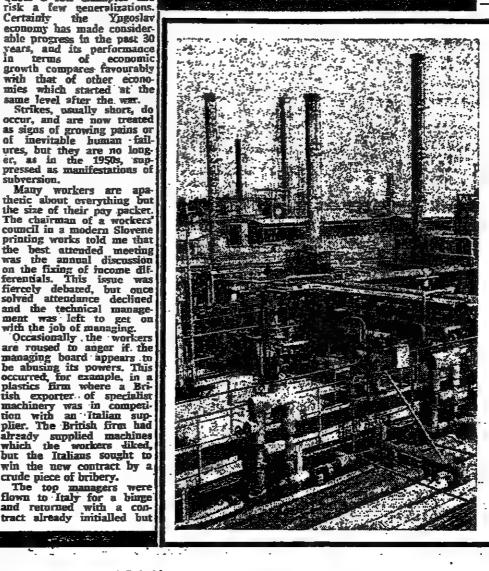
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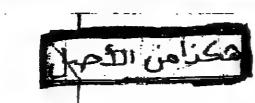
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Well in its dealings with the community. That is not discrepancies between how the situation looks to the Yugoslavs.

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arrangements—significant extremely protracted. Often restraint on expanding trade with those countries.

Yugoslavia has in addition all the conventional advantages, landing in the first countries and picking up the profins.

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usually limited to barter thing: "negotiations are complain that they should be of would-be investors.

it illegal for them to exclude the proposed joint enter-prises from markets outside Yugoslevia. They are unwilling to provide skill and capiing to provide skill and capital for a joint venture when it will undermine their markets in other parts of the

According to Yugoslav officials the new rule will not be strictly enforced.
"There is a way round this", Mr Kovacevic told ms. "This will be open to negotiation."

One final criticism is over the question of assets: if a joint venture is ever wound allowed to recoup only what he put into the anterprise, not its true value.

Despite those criticisms but in getting the joint venture off the ground in the

Yugoslavs appear to

"The Yungalays want enced observer commented "They want a continuing interest and a continuin

Sleeping partners apparently not welcome of successful, and it is difficul if not impossible to run int venture on the basis of flying visits.

After 10 years of foreign investment there are clearly some Yugoslav officials who oppose the idea on theoretic grounds. However, the government policy is to push forward and attract more technology and capital into technology and capital into

the joint ventures in Yugo working vehicles for coopera-slavia are almost all doing tion", Mr Kovacevic said in extremely well. Many of the his Belgrade office, "and we first comers such as Britain's

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Highway almost thousand miles in length

The top priority is the be built in Yugoslavia's modernization of the railway modern shipyards along the system. After the completion Adriatic. The expansion of the Adriatic for much of European shipping league. Yugoslavia and also for The country is at present in Romania, Bulgaria and Hun-twentieth place. gary, only about 70 miles of

Most of the money will be spent electrification to speed the try's 17 major airports. journey of goods and passenger trains between Europe signed for some of the and the Middle East.

Heavy spending is planned for the roads. Urgent efforts standards are being made to build the east-west highway between Austria and Greece. This will be almost a chousand miles on them, probably long and will carry all the about £170m.

to the Middle East.

lions of foreigners and and is one of the most millions of tons of freight hazardous in Europe. Yugopass across its borders every slavia will probably receive year—and the traffic is large loans for the project from the World Bank and the European Investment Bank

the country's communications is expected to be finished system severely damaged by 1985, Yugoslevia is also Although the damage has planning to build and reconling since been repaired struct about 10,000 miles of

needs as a rapidly develop-ing country, let alone the needs of every country around it.

One item on the list of pri-orities is the country's tele-communications system. This will receive about 14 per cent

Shipping comes next or e list. Yugoslavia has about 1,900,000 tons of ship-ping, and intends over the next three years to boost its fleet by more than a million tons besides replacing some of the older ships. Most of the new ships will

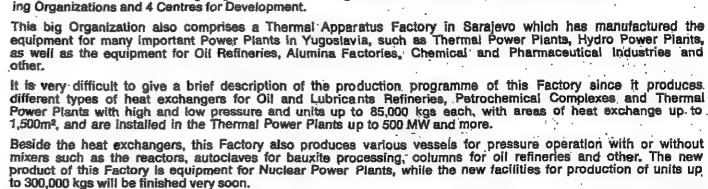
system After the completion Adriance. The expansion of f the Belgrade-Bar railway, the fleet will take Yugowhich gives direct access to slavia several places up the

About 5 per cent of the investment funds will be spent on the modernization airports. Attention will be of existing lines and their focused on six of the coun-Agreements have been special equipment that will

> The country's harbour are in good condition and will need less money

be needed to bring the air-

port up to international





Bundle for high-pressure heat exchanger for thermal power plant (a detail).

Modern equipment which shall be installed into the new facilities, long-term experience of the skilled workers acquired in the production until now, as well as the high education acquired on the Universities of Yugoslavia, Great Britain, Soviet-Union, USA, Czechoslovakia and Canada, where most of the experts have obtained Master and Doctor degrees in Technical sciences, present the best guarantee both for quality

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Due to such a cooperation, a list of projects in Yugoslavia as well as in foreign countries like Austria, India, Greece, Canada, Indonesia, Rumania and Czechoslovakia, to which the equipment from this factory is supplied is in permanent growth.

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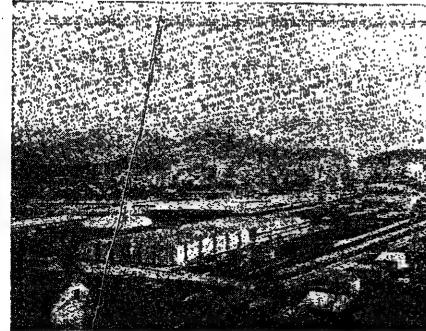
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the Warsaw Pact. Nonalignment is advocated as an
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of human rights in the
Soviet Union and to what
extent Moscow will choose
to react. Views expressed to
me by officials in Belgrade
earlier this month extended
from pessimism that American
pakery would lead to a
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their blocks, the more likely become attempts to exert pressures on non-alignment of a seven-year prison term for industrial espionage.

The Yugoslavs have a unique vested interest in the success of détente. First there is the prestige aspect of the conference to be held in Belgrade in June to review the results of the 1975 Helsinki agreement.

There is some anxiety in Belgrade about western presulted and strategic addisarmanent on a global sarce president and interest for industrial election in the success of detente. The Yugoslavs want detente and disarmanent on a global sarcepted always to try to distance itself from the supper powers and pretend it super powers and pretend it super powers and propaganda concessions on the Adriance itself from the super powers and pretend it is dependent on neither.

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grade in June to review the fresults of the 1975 Helsinki agreement.

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While having a long-standing cooperation agreement with Comecon and important bilateral trade, tools with Albania's mentor.

Peking are said to be con-

where any future attack tions with Albania's mentor, union, Yugoslavia is chary might come but coupled with a warning that Yugos lavia would be tough to take on.

Relgrade's relamination into the Seviet Union, Yugoslavia is chary of being tied too closely to the eastern block. That is one reason why such into the control of the contro

Hotel plans reflect optimism in tourism

National Tourist Office in old towns or seaside far from lages.

a lack of British tourists, and with baths or showers The prospects for 1977 are in all rooms. They have not encouraging. heen built in many cases us However, Mr Halid Gushi, part of a complex, creating

Mr Mile Jankovic. Both Prec is a good example—a specialises in holidays to share the view that Yugoslu- 600-bed "B" category estab. Yugoslavia and celebrates

1970, 647,764. the Lapad peninsula, just Yngotours also produces a beauty. Its islands have long "Because the number of two miles west of Dubrov special programme of been popular, and the inte-boliday bookings was fewer nik, the hotel complex naturist holidays, promoting rior has enough variety and

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holidays or staying at lake-side resorts—Obrid, Plit-vice, Bohinj and Bled. A and improvement will facilitate travel from the coss

of the main development at Portoroz, the popular Istrian holiday village was recently

share the view that Yugosluvia has excellent long-term lishment whose facilities in prospects and this opinion is justified by what is being done to develop and improve hotels and other facilities.

The number of beds available is fast approaching a holiday there this summer are available, it stood at year for which full figures are available, it stood at holiday there this summer hotels, pensions and camp sites. If this figure is used as the yardstick, progress has been rapid. In 1965 ments have taken place at the regoing particularly well.

Sumber of which sands companiates the holiday there this summer company we are at an edvantage", he said.

Such building projects recently opened. "Our plan is to provide 5,000 beds at Dubrovnik and at Portors," he said.

Such building projects recently opened. "Yugoslavia is optimistic. "Yugoslavia is no worse off than anybody flect the optimism Yugoslavia is no worse off

that we hoped at the beginning of this year, we understook an extra publicity causes and the A cate. "That programme always besides the specialist, besides a proper sealed at the contract more British visitors there is a limit to what we to Yugoslavia was meeting with steadily increasing success when the Court Line aware that some trends and Horizon travel companies failed in 1974, hope that Yugoslavia was patch will not last long. Tourism to Yugoslavia was patch will not last long. There is a much wider to be endured. He baddy affected by those failures, but development plans appeared to be regaining ago, so when economic circulost the 1980 body affected by those failures, but development plans appeared to be regaining ago, so when economic circulost proper some of the 1976 holidays season seemed healthy anough.

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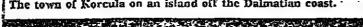
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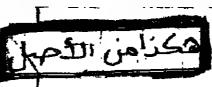
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From Mr Neil Kinnock, MP for Bedwellty (Labour)

Sir, Labour objections to coalition

government are not based on the

view that they are, in your words (The Times, March 21), "a mark

of mortal sin " or anything quite so

They arise from experience of coalitions and acquaintance with coalitionists and are rooted in the

evidence that coalitions are govern-

ment to stay in office for a bit while

ensuring that there would be no extremist measures. What "ex-

tremist measures"; pray? The most

effective wage control policy in modern history? A 55 billion cut-back in public spending programmes? A repeatedly demonstra-

grammes? A repeatedly demonstrated determination to save the pound
and cut the PSBR regardless of electoral consequences? Obviously I
have my own critical views of suck
policies and they are no secret. But
only the most jaundiced Establishment eye could regard the Labour
Government as "extremist" and
only the blindest Liberal leader
think of their policies as "full
blooded socialism".
You may favour "staying in office
for a bit" now. But within weeks
you will be mercilessly critical of a

you will be mercilessly critical of a Government hanging on to office. And what democracy or stability is there in a Liberal tail wagging a

If the Labour Government wins

on Wednesday night, as it deserves to do, it will have to be because

Liberals and others looked clinically at the alternative, decided that

reality was the better part of virility and denied support to Mrs. Thatcher, Extremism, mortal sin and unfulfillable deals will play no

part. Practicality will,

Yours sincerely

NEIL KINNOCK.

House of Commons. March 21.

From Lord Harmar-Nicholls

Thorpe and the then Chief Whip, Mr Cyril Smith, that they were ill advised to allow the Young Liberal activists to put them off agreeing a "deal" with Mr Heath, who was in a position to deliver, I now counsel Mr Steel that it would be

a mistake to accept any deal from Mr Callaghan, for the simple reason that, within weeks neither the Labour Party Executive nor the

left wing element of the trade unions will show him m deliver his

BBC in Northern Ireland

Sir, As the television journalist who interviewed Mr Bernard O'Connor, the Enciskillen schoolwaster, on the BBC Tonight programme I would like to add my comments on the issues which the interview raised.

Mr O'Comor, who has et no time

been charged with any activity remotely connected with the IRA

and who most vigorously denies any

association now or in the past with terrorism, gave a remarkably detailed and articulate account of what he alleged to have happened while he was held under arrest for

interrogation at Castlereagh barracks. If this account is correct

Mr O'Connor's experience is in direct violation of the directive of 1972, cited in the British Government's pleadings before the European Commission of Human Rights at Strasbourg that "under no, circumstances must there be recent to

ar Strasoourg that "under no, cir-cumstances must there be resort to physical violence, blindfolds or boods, standing or other positions of stress for long periods to induce exhaustion. (Prisoners) must not be threatened, insulted or subjected.

to norture or cruel inhuman and degrading treatment."

It is on the basis of such assurances that the British Govern-

ment has been claiming that all danger of improper treatment has long since passed and that, since it

side of any bargain.

From Mr Keith Kyle

theological.

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VERDICT TONIGHT

Has this Government any further useful purpose to serve? The verdict that the House of Commons returns at ten o'clock tonight will have been reached via careful consideration of party advantage. But that will not altogether obliterate or push aside the fundamental question that is to be resolved. In its devious way the Commons will address itself to that Certainly the political nation outside Westminster looks to it to do so.

The Government that came into office in October, 1974, had behind it a slender minority of the popular vote. It was equipped with a manifesto containing a list mentary trouble. These are of legislative and fiscal measures substantial reasons, and many which were at best irrelevant to will think them conclusive the serious economic malfunctioning of the nation, and at worst aggravated it. These the Government proceeded to ram through Parliament by courtesy of the nationalist parties' obsession with the promise of devolution and the reluctance of any party to force yet another general election. The claim that there existed a popular mandate for allthese items in the programme was bogus. Ministers themselves frequently disapproved of them. But they were rigidly adhered to as forming the one political programme round which a querulous party could coalesce.

Paying the

price

That phase is over. Most of the manifesto items are now ticked off. We have a different Prime Minister out of a different mould. The constraints from which there is no escaping by a chronically indebted nation at last penetrated the Cabinet room. in the fiscal, monetary and expenditure areas the Government was constrained to row back to policies bearing some relation to the true position of the country. That was at the cost of internal party ructions. The unwillingness of the full Parliamentary Labour Party to endorse the Government's future expenditure proposals triggered off the present crisis. Meanwhile the Government's electoral minority is now reproduced as a parliamentary minority. It accepts the defeat of, accepts the amendment of, or pushes out of sight, legislation for which there is not consent in the Commons. The Labour Government's socialist tooth have been drawn; as the Tribunite MP Mr Neil Kinnock ruefully admits in a letter on this page today.

The repentance is welcome, but it does not earn exceptional moral credit. It invites Carlyle's retort about the woman who announced that she accepted the universe: "Gad, she'd, better." Certainly it does not earn Mr. Callaghan's Government a right to be allowed to continue in

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tion of Mr Jenkins. It is still seriously at odds with the national executive committee of the Labour Party and a large slice of the PLP. Its parliamentary position is now so pre-

impending by-elections will in-flict further injury, that respect for its authority and willingness to do business with it may both be affected. It is pursuing policies in the economic sphere which sit more comfortably with the attitudes of its Tory opponents than with those of the Labour Party; and, although a socialist government applying Tory measures some-times has a better chance of making them stick, it is a dispiriting course both for Ministers and for those to whom they look for support. This is a disabled Administration in deep parlia-

reasons, for giving it the coup de grace tonight. But there is another side to the argument. The inconveniences of a mid-Parliament, midsession dissolution weigh little against urgent political reasons for a general election, but they are not negligible. It would now require the postponement of an effective budget. It would have to be disentingled somehow from the local elections in early May. A fair amount of humdrum but useful legislation would be lost. The electorate does not take particularly kindly to being harried by electioneering until the time is due or unless the necessity is

There are also more positive reasons for avoiding an election at this moment. Granted that a Labour government which is on parole to the Liberal Party as well as to the International Monetary Fund will not take its place in history as a great creative force: yet the position of the country is not one which cries out for immediate initiatives adumbrating radical changes in policy. Under the tutelage of events and of the IMF the Government yanked its central economic policy round in the course of the winter until it is now pointing roughly in the right direction. It also mediates a much more realistic view of the country's predicament and of what will be entailed by the effort to recover strength. Also the message has now been received that, largely because of the fiscal swindle whereby the entry points to the different rates of a progressive income tax are adjusted too little or not at all to the spanking rate of inflation, the incidence of direct taxation is now very generally regarded as oppressive.

A renewal of confidence

There is still much to criticize about the Government's policies and attitude, and the strong Conservative objection to the composition of the cuts in planned growth of public expenditure is office.

His Administration has been that been a perceptible renewaweakened by the death of Mr. of confidence in the British.

Crosland and the Europeaniza economy and polity both in the
international financial markets

demestic industry and well taken. All the same there and in domestic industry and commerce. This confidence is tender and of small growth, but it would probabl, be best fostered in the immediate future

carious, with the possibility that by a stable framework of policy and an absence of political uphéaval.

> There is also on the tapis the tortured question of phase three of incomes policy or, if it is preferred, controlled reentry into a state of free collective bargaining. The rigidity and uniformity of phases one and two are not repeatable, nor is it the least desirable that they should be repeated. Yet a wholly uncoordinated scramble by the unions to extract compensation in full for price inflation and simultaneously to preserve their relative gains or make up their relative losses of the past year or two would have a most damaging effect on confidence and on the movement of inflation and/or unemployment.

Talks would go ahead

The Conservatives are not blind to this, and if the words of Mr James Prior, their spokesman on employment, are to be followed it appears that they would seek from the trade union leadership assurances that could hardly be greatly different. The question is which of them is more likely to get what they want. A serious criticism of Labour's "social contract." up to now is that they have paid too high a price in terms of social policy, economic management, and legislative favours bestowed. for the observance of voluntary restraint by the trade unions, In its present parliamentary position the Government is unlikely to be able to repeat that bias.

As for the Conservatives the confrontational "noises emitted by some trade union chieftains should not be taken too literally. The trade union movement would be invited to do business with a Conservative Government and the invitation would not be refused. A very large and clear electoral declaration in favour of the Tories would facilitate cooperation. A close result, and trade unionists might be less wholehearted in their acceptance of the verdict. The prospect of a beneficial Labour-union deal must still be reckoned better than that of a beneficial Toryunion deal. And if no deal is to be had, the consequences of this Government's having failed to bring it off would be less ominous than the consequences of a new Conservative Government's having tried and failed. It is our judgment, then, that this Administration, as it now addresses itself to its responsibilities, and disciplined by the need to look beyond monoparty support in Parliament, still has a useful purpose to serve; and that it would be better were it not turned out of office tonight.

This is not to say that its usefulness is of more than limited duration. It is not By the autumn the things that it is now better equipped to do it will either have done or have failed to do. Nor is this to say that n the vote goes against the Government tonight and a general election is called, the Labour Party will deserve to be returned to power for another five years. It will not.

WEST GERMANY'S NUCLEAR WOES

triple crisis over nuclear energy. The Government is under very heavy pressure from the United States and the Soviet Union not to sell a nuclear reprocessing plant to Brazil. At the same time its own domestic nuclear power programme has been brought practically to a standstill by protest groups. This has provoked a worried debate on public order and the failure of political institutions to measure up to the

The Brazilian deal was signed in 1975 and is worth about £3,000m. It involves the sale of eight reactors, a uranium enrichment plant and a reprocessing unit. The Americans point out that this comes fairly close to selling a nuclear bomb to Brazil, which has not signed the nonproliferation treaty. The Germans say they are imposing tighter safeguards than the luternational Atomic Energy Agency, and that their commercial credibility is at stake. Both Germans and Brazilians want more independence from American supplies of enriched uranium, which in recent years have been manipulated in ways which do not enhance confidence. Perhaps the Brazilians also want a bomb, or at any rate the political power which goes with the capacity to make one.

It is easy enough to under-stand German and Brazilian interests but the dangers to mankind that flow from the proliferation of nuclear capability are so great that these interests should take second place. Moreover, if West Germany looks at her wider interests the damage that the Brazilian deal is doing to her foreign relations is likely to outweigh the commercial advantage. Relations with the United States are now seriously affected. The problem of ensuring that developing countries

West Germany has run into a becoming excessively dependent on the United States should be tackled partly by developing other sources of power, coupled with conservation, and partly by trying to put fuel enrichment and reprocessing under some: sort of international or regional

machinery. Inside West Germany the struggle over the domestic nuclear programme is provoking even more concern. The debate has now gone far beyond the questions of safety which sparked off the protests and moved the Administrative Court in Frankfurt to halt, building operations on one reactor. It has become a debate on German institutions, social change, and the inadequacy of the political system. This is largely because the protest movement : has: attracted an extraordinary mixture of middle class profes sionals, and extremists of right and left who clearly represent something wider than the student protests of 1968 or the earlier campaigners against post-war rearmament. The nuclear issue is, in fact, only one of many issues now occupying thousands of civic action groups which have mushroomed around the country, and if it still commands only minority support-53 per cent of Germans are for nuclear power- and-future alternative sources of stations, according to one pollit seems to give expression to a deeper unease which has nothing directly to do with nuclear energy.

Explanations abound, course, the most familiar being that people feel helpless in the face of accumulations of institutionalized power. They believe they cannot influence events through the normal channels of political representation either because party politics are divorced from perceived realities have enough electricity without or because the politicians are

shifting more and more decisions on to technocrats and bureaucrats, who are even less accessible. They therefore resort to direct action based initially on small groups.

There is probably a good deal in this analysis, which means that by extremists and trouble makers. But are they right on the nuclear issue? West Germany faces energy problems much Britain, which can rely for some time on North Sea oil. If the nuclear programme remains halted there could be serious seeable future, which would be more likely to usher in a harshly authoritarian regin : than the semi-pastoral participatory democracy for which some of the more. romantic protesters appear to hope. On the other hand the light-water reactors are slightly more risky than the type used in Britain, ... so safety is a genuine issue, even if it has now been inflated. There is also the argument that once West Germany is launched into such a large and expensive pro-gramme she will be distracted from research into conservation power. . - · ·

There is, therefore, an urgent need in West Germany for a

the protests have to be taken seriously as a social and political phenomenon, even though they ere undoubtedly being exploited more serious than those of shortages of power in the fore-

serious and informed debate on the subject (such as the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution sought to initiate in Britain) so that people at least have the feeling that their idstitutions are responding to their doubts and elucidating the facts. So far there has been nothing in parliament or outside if appropriate to the magnitude of the problem and the depths of emotion it is capable of touching. Account to the same

parliamentary sease but with his party having given the appearance of putting temporary self interest before the nation's need to be rid of socialist extremism. Yours sincerely. HARMAR NICHOLLS. March 21. From the Reverend William C.

Indeed there is a big doubt

Mr Healey is committed. So an election would still be held with

the same risks as now to Liberal

evidence that coalitions are govern-ments in spite of the people by a self-appointed, clique of self-annoin-red "moderates" for the benefit of economic orthodoxy. Their constitu-eocies are in the City of London, their rank and file consists almost entirely, dear Editor, of people like you and their manifesto is the FT Share Index. For Labour they are, as Appenin Reven pur it a Elliott
Sir, You rightly suggest in your leading article today (March 21) that it would be preferable in the national interest for the present. Government to remain in office for a bir rather than to have an immediate election. Elliott as Anencin Bevan put it a

The censure motion: coalition or an election?

mise"—we wouldn't be in politics if we did—and neither do we "relish" the opportunities afforded to us by a Tory government. There will certainly be a new scale of anger and industrial warfare if Mrs. diate election.

The Conservatives are always claiming to be the party which puts the national interest first. Are there not at least half a dozen Conservative MPs who will put the national interest first and abstain from supanger and industrial waifare it Mrs
Thatcher ever implements her Sozial
Marktwirtschaft policies. But there
is no profit for democratic socialism or for Britain in that chaos,
misery, insecurity and fear.

So what of an "arrangement" with
the Liberals? You seek to disarm porting the no confidence motion on Wednesday? Actions speak louder than words. Yours faithfully, Yours faithfully, WILLIAM C. ELLIOTT, 24 Highfield Avenue, with the hope for something which would permit the present Govern-

Harpenden, Hertfordshire. March 21. From Mr A. T. Cropper Sir, The problem which is currently exercising Mr Callaghan's mind-could also be an opportunity for him to make a break to the haven of a solid Social Democratic Party, mencumbered with the lunstic left wing. He would still be left with an improved chance of winning a General Election either now or in

If Mr Callaghan would consumate an alliance with the Liberals that required the Government to follow policies that the Liberals would sup-port, which the Government wish to follow and which the main body follow and which the main body of the middle ground of the electors desperately want him to follow, then, with luck, this would be too much for the entryist left wing to stomach. If they were seen therefore to bring the Government down, then they could be validly thrown out of the Parliamentary Labour Party. The PLP could then fight an election with a voting alliance with election with a voting alliance with the Liberal Party, with candidates figuring for the official Labour Party, the PLP, against the left wing renegades, as well as against the Tories. He would carry with him, not ordy the vest majority of I shour water not only the Liberal Labour voters, not only the Liberal voters, who would be used to much greater effect than ever before, but also the great army of non-voters who have become disillusioned with

who have become distligationed with the present schizophrenic Labour Party and are appalled at the pros-pect of the Fhatcher alternative. James Callaghan is the unly person who can achieve this, not for any particular personal qualities, but because he is the possessor of the identity of the Labour Party. Who-ever can put candidates up under the banner of the Labour Party, gets the votes. The same men called something else...will always fail. James Caliaghan is identified in the minds of all voters as being the Labour Party. Nobody else is so identified.

does not contest the specific findings of the Commission, the Irish persistence in the Court is mere

vexatious litigation. Mr Sam Silkin,

the Attorney General, gave an "un-qualified undertaking" that five

practices with respect to which the Commission found Britain gurlty, nor do they exhaust the practices which Mr Silkin declared aban-

doned (Report of the European Commission of Human Rights, Ire-land against United Kingdom C. The Other Forms of Alleged IR Tream

ment, pp 403-473.)
If indeed it is the fact that the

interrogations are carried on in Castlereagh in the manner described by Mr O'Connor it means that practices declared in February 1977 by the Attorney General to be five years out of date were in use in one of the main holding centres in Religion in Terrograms 1977

Selfast in January 1977.

Exceptional sensitivity about questions affecting human rights

studoubtedly exists in the months preceding the Belgrade conference.

Those specially concerned with monitoring the fulfilment of the Helsinki Final Act, including the recently formed Helsinki review

group in this country, have made it clear that they will want to render an account of their own country's

performance of its terms as well as that of others.

Mr Roy Mason, the Secretary of
State for Northern Ireland, has stated that following the Tonight programme interview he has given deep interrogation techniques used in 1971 would "in no circumstances" be reinfroduced. It is important to note that these techniques do not exhaust the a measure of urgency", to complet-ing the investigation of Mr O'Con-nor's complaints because "I'd like it

Yours feithfully,

From Mr R. A. Bruce Sir, Lord Kilbracken (March 17) accuses British soldiers of having filtreated two suspects in Northern Ireland. He submits, as evidence, Ireland. He subnits, as evidence, the existence of a cross, drawn by a ball-point pen, on the wall of a regimental interrogation room; the suspects allege that they had to keep their eyes fixed on this cross whilst adopting a "penal stance". The existence of the cross may be regarded as convincing evidence that the suspects ware indeed interrothe suspects were indeed interro-gated in that room; it affords no proof whatsoever that they were

R. A. BRUCE. 118 Haliton Place. Aberdeen.

John Evelyn's library From the Solicitors to the Evelon

Sir, We are writing to you on the Sir, we are writing to you on the instructions of the trustees of the two wills which govern the devolution of the Evelyn's Library forms part. The devolution of the heir looms is not, in fact, exactly as set out in your leading article of March 19; but the inaccuracies do not materially affect the countries. not materially affect the points which we wish to make.

The trustees (who include two members of the Evelyn family) have given a lot of anxious consideration to the action they should take, following the death of Mr John Evelyn last year. They deeply regret the necessity for the sale of many of the herricoms in their care, most of which have been in the family for 300 years. But they

have m be realistic. For reasons that include those mentioned in your article, the trustees are faced with the necessity of raising a very large sum of cash, and substitutial sales of heiriooms are accordingly inevitable. The trastees have had to consider, not merely what to sell, and how to sell it; but also how to preserve what is to be retained.

Christ Church is not prepared to contribute anything towards its insurance. The heavy cost of insur-ance of any heirlooms retained at Christ Church will accordingly con-tinue to fall on the trustees, or members of the Evelyn family, as members of the Evelyn family, as in the past, since the heirloom maintenance fund (which was set up many years ago, under an order of court, by the trustees) is almost exhausted. It will have to be replenished out of the proceeds of the sales now taking place.

The Evelyn family feels that the

The Evelyn family feels that the most important things to retain are the manuscripts, and particularly that of the Diary-because they are unique. The trustees have, accord-ingly, agreed, at the express request of the adult beneficiaries, to defer (as long as possible) the cales of the manuscripts still at Christ Church—including of course, the manuscript of the Diary.

The trustees cannot, however, afford also to retain the printed books. But provided the sales of the Library, and of the other items to be sold, realize enough, the trustees hope that it will be possible to retain the manuscripts indefinitely. definitely.

the reason for selling the Library in lots by auction, rather than by preserve what is to be retained.

The reason for selling the Library in lots by auction, rather than by any other means, is quite simply because the trustees are satisfied. from the advice they have had, that only by a sale in this way and the Library. But approximately and the library only by a sale in this way and the library only by a sale in this way. The reason for selling the Library the Library. But, unfortunately, hope to ensure obtaining the maxi-

whether these elements can be centre left, with overwhelming carried to the point of implementing popular support and also, I suspect, the IMP Budget next week, to which union and industry support, judging union and industry support, judging by the stock market reaction to the possibility of a Conservative government today. The alternative is at best a bodged alliance with the Unionists for somebody, and a short postponement of collapse. As a negawould still be there to drag any future Labour government down again and again. Harold Wilson would never have had the courage to have achieved this. Jim Callaghan

The prize is a government of the

has shown himself to be more imaginative. Yours faithfully, A. T. CROPPER,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mr David Green Sir, The Government-not without some, justification—has been pleased to describe itself as a coefficien. No conceivable pact with minority parties can hold it to-sether: for the concessions that they would require would repel from the left wang of the party more votes than they could bring

100 Yoakley Road, N16.

more votes than they could bring with them.

On the basis of present positions in the Rouse of Commons the scene is very dismal. But that scene could change radically following at election. The consequence might well be that both major parties could not merely afford to dispense with their extreme wings; they might have to. Circumstances they might have to. Circumstances might then exist in which center, moderates of all parties could coalesce; and a long overdue realignment, isolating extremists on realignment, isolating extremists on the extremes where they belong, could take place. Much of the dismal performance of governments since, 1945 has been directly due to their need to compromise within their own parties with extremists who have only been in them because our system offers no other routs by which they may articulate their views. An election from which no party emerges with an absolute majority may be the only way in which this problem can be resolved.

ours faithfully, DAVID GREEN. Rhyd yr Harding, Castle Morris, Nr Haverfordwest,

From Mr Nigel Lawson, MP for Blaby (Conservative) Sir, I am not surprised to read in your columns today (March 22) Mr Skeffington-Lodge's praise of your leading article last Saturday, "Par-liament's Choice". For it was clear from both the style and the content-of that leader that only he could have written it. Yours sincerely. NIGEL LAWSON, Quondan principal publisher of Mr T. C. Skeifington-Lodge, House of Commons.

From Mr Barry Mortimer, QC ..

Sir, Cannot the Prime Minister Doctor manpower down a motion of no confidence in the opposition?
Yours faithfully, BARRY MORTIMER 5 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4, March 22

to be cleared up as quickly as pos-sible." (People and Politics Thames TV, 13 March, 1977.) Mr Mason deserves to be fully sup-ported in that resolve. Yours faithfully,

KETTH KYLE, 25 Oppidans Road, NW3,

also ill-treated. Yours faithfully,

mum price. A sale in any other manner, presupposes that it is prac-ticable to estimate accurately what the books should realize on a sale the books should realize on a sale by auction. But the trustees are advised that this is not possible. Certainly, the very high price ob-tained for the Grinling Gibbons table illustrates the difficulty of estimating the effect on prices of such a documented and distin-guished provenance. It is hardly necessary to stress that the trustees primary duty is

that the trustees' primary duty is to their beneficiaries, both born and unborn. The trustees might lay themselves open to very heavy liabilities if they were to act as philanthropists (even in the national interest) at the expense of their

beneficiaries.

The writers of this letter consider it unreasonable that, when greatly cherished family possessions have to be disposed of, criticism (express or implied) should be levelled at the trustees for carrying out the disposal in such a manner as will best serve the interests of their bene-ficiaries, when taxes are levied at rates which make such sales inevit-

Yours faithfully, TAYLOR AND HUMBERT, 2 Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, WCI. KENNEDY PONSONBY AND PRIDEAUX, 46 Cannon Street, EC4. March 22.

Cost of Sunday letter collection

From the Managing Director of the Post Office Sir, Sir Robert Lusty and others ask for the return of the Sunday collec-tion (letters of March 17 and March

During the past 18 months the Retail Price Index has risen 25 percent while postal prices have remained stable, and our proposal now is for the minimum increase of 2p in June equivalent to 9 per cent overall. Any higher increase would mean fewer letters posted with the subsequent price increase coming

sooner or being larger.

In order to maintain price stability we have instituted a rigorous programme of economies. These have been mostly internal, but we have seen mostly internal, but we have also asked the customer to contribute by forgoing marginal services where the demand is relatively low and the cost per letter is high. Sunday collections fall into that category. Savings from not having Sunday collections have been running at £8m per amoum, a very important saving.

important saving.

That is why we have concluded that we ought not to restore collections on Sunday in present circumstances, but we are looking. at ways in which we might improve the limited Sunday collection facili-ties which already exist from main sorting offices. Yours faithfully,

A. CURRALL, Postal Headquarters, Sr Martins le Grand, EC1. March 21.

From Miss Brenda Johnston Sir, To be fair to the Post Office. may I say that here, 560 miles north of London, it is possible to north of London, it is possible to-post first-class letters on Sundays for collection 5.45 am Monday, and be confident that when an urgent reply is required, it will arrive, of the latest, on the following Thursday by 11 am—country delivery. Yours faithfully, BRENDA JOHNSTON, Scotstonbill Farm,

March 20.

The Burma Act

From Mr. J. Enoch Powell, MP for Down, South (United Uister Unionist

Coalition) Sir, In your obituary today of Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, you write that Burma became a sovereign republic without following the example of India of remaining a member of the Commonwealth". There was no example to follow. The Burma Act, 1947, preceded the British Nationality Act, 1948, which —some might think unhapply altered the basis of British citizenship so as, for the first time, to make such a choice possible. I am, Sir, etc,

J. ENOCH POWELL,

From the Secretary of the British

Medical Association Sir, I cannot agree with Claire. Whittemore, Oxfam Public Affairs Unit (March 18), that a "new breed of paramedics" should be incorpor-

ated into a restructured Health Service. ervice. There is no need for a new Health Service worker. The range of functions encompassed by the functions encompassed by the medical nursing and allied pro-fessions is adequate for the manage-ment of individual patients' conditions. The BMA did give careful consideration to this suggestion which is by no means a new one-

in preparing its own evidence to the Royal Commission on the NHS and concluded that "the introduc-tion of physician assistants, nurse practitioners or feldschers would not be in the best interests of patients."

Every patient should have the right to consult a properly qualified doctor who has had the long training and experience necessary to make an accurate diagnosis. The doctor must retain ultimate responsibility for the care and treatment of his patients. Nevertheless he will recognize the individual expertise of his auxiliary colleagues and will often delegate work to them. But a patient's access to a medically qualified doctor must not be diverted to auxiliary staff. Yours faithfully, E. GREY-TURNER,

Secretary, British Medical Association, Tavistock Square, WCL

From the Muster of Mariborough College Sir, Those of us who work in secondary schools are being con-stantly reminded these days of the stantly reminded these days of the importance of educating people to spend their working lives in such a way that the whole community benefits. In particular we are tryed to make sure that more able people go into industry. These are healthy reminders: and we are trying to head them

need them. But though industry is the largest, it is not the only way in which Britain earns her living in the world. People work best where they are keenest to work. Many nore want to be doctors than there is room for in our medical schools. Moreover, the demand for places in these schools is worldwide. In the Far East and the Middle East the reputation of a British medical education stands high. English is the lingua franca of medicine all over the world. Good overseas students and good British students alike are being excluded from a medical education through shortage.

of_places. Very large sums of the nation's. money are invested in ways which bring little profit to the country. Might not the creation of fresh medical schools earn us preciousforeign currency by attracting foreign students: give employment to those who build them and those who staff them: and enable more students from all over the world to garn their living in a way which brings fulfilment to them and healing to others? Yours faithfully,

ROGER ELLIS Marlborough College,

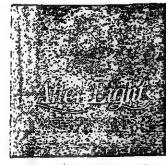


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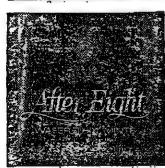
















Social Column.



Forthcoming marriages

The Hon Philip Remnant and Miss C. E. C. Cavendisk. The engagement is: announced between Philip John, eldest son of Lord and Lady Remnant, of Ear Place, Hare Hatch, Reading, Berkshire, and Caroline Elizabeth Clare, younger daughter of the late Mr Godfrey H. R. Cavendish and of Mrs Godfrey Cavendish, of 9 Cheyne Court, London, SW3.

Mr J. E. Waish and Miss R. L. Fex The marriage will take place on June 4 in Salisbury, Marykand, United States, between John, younger son of Mrs Verda B. Walsh, of Crown Point, Indiana, and the late Mr John Weish, and Lynette, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Fox, of Wellington; Somerset.

HM Government
The Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs and
Mrs David Owen were hosts at a
luncheon at 1 Carlton Gardens
yesterday in honour of the High
Commissioner for Australia and
Lady Bunning, Among those present were:

Lady Bunning. Among those pre-sent were:

The Deputy High Commissions: For Australia and Airs Cook Lard Gerniver-Roberts, Mr. Arthur Extenders, Mr. And Dame Besste Bottomier, Mr. And Rome Besste Bottomier, Mr. And Lady Hont, Mr. and Mrs. Clive Jenkins, Mr. John Fraser, MP. Mr Maicolm Williamson, Mr. Nichotos Scut, Mr. Hr and Mrs. John Rich, Mr. Kil, Barciay, Mrs. Bergi Chitty and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dales.

Royal College of Surgeons
of England
Sir Rodney Smith, President of
the Royal College of Surgeons of
England, yesterday emerizated
Mr R. H. Owen, Dr David Jones,
Dr W. Heber, Dr Arthur Levin,
Mr Sclwyn F. Taylor, Professor
Harold Kilis and Mr W. F. Davis
st lunction at the college.

Foreign Affairs Cinb Mr Herman Kahn, Director of the Hudson Institute, was the guest of honour at the dinner of the Foreign Affairs Club held at the

Savoy botel last night. Mr Hugh Corbet presided. Other grests in-cluded:

cluded:
The Hon David and Mrs Lywen
Cobbold Sir Hugh Springer Mr Pargua
Montagenery MP Nr Nicholas Scott,
MP Nr Denis Thatcher Professor
Berald Maingrum Professor W. E.
Morris-Jones, Mr. T. M. Rybczynati,
Mr and Mrs Elisworth Donnell, No.
Charles Wintour and Mr W. N. RughMental.

Royal Society of Arts
The East Midlands region of the
Royal Society of Arts, under the
chairmanship of Mr. William
Marrow, a member of the society's
council, held their annual dinner
at Nomingham University last
might. The guest speaker was
Dame Diana Reader-Harris.

The American Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Rouald Spiers, was the guest of honour at a dinner held at the Army and Navy Club yesterday by the British American Forces Dining Club. Rear-Admiral F. Taylor Brown, USN, presided.

The following Royal Navy officers will be appointed sides de camp to

will be appointed sides de camp to the Queen from July 7:
Captain A. S. E. Kette; Consoders P. C. Prince; Captain A. J. Wille! Commoder P. S. Falconer: Captain Commoder P. S. Falconer: Captain C. R. D. Name; Captain F. D. Nichol; Captain E. M. Eurocae; Captain E. M. Eurocae; Captain P. M. C. Vincent.

ADCs to the Queen

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Dinners

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HM Government

CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 2: His Excellency Mr Paul
John Geoffrey Keating was received in audience today by The
Princess Margaret, Countess of
Snowdon, and The Duke of
Gioucester, Counsellors of State
acting on behalf of The Queen,
and presented the Letters of Recall
of his predecessor and his own
Letters of Credence as Ambassador Entraordinary and Plemipotentiary from the Republic of
ireland to the Court of St James's.
His Excellency was accompanied
by the following members of the
Embassy who had the honour of
being received by Their Royal
Highnesses: Mr John H. F. Campbell (Minister Plenipotentiary),
Mr T. P. Corcoran (Counsellor),
Mr T. P. Corcoran (Counsellor),
Mr H. G. Foster (Economic Counsellor), Mr D. A. Gellagher (Counsellor), Press and Informatiou), Mr
R. A. O'Brien (First Secretary),
Mr J. Chadwick (Labour Attaché),
Mr B. H. Scannel (First Secretary, Press and Informatiou) and
Mr J. P. Finn (Prind Secretary).
Mr Reating had the honour of
being received by The Princess
Margaret, Countess of Snowdon
and The Duke of Gloucester.
Sir Michael Palliser (Permanent
Under-Secretary) of State for
Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs), who had the honour of
being received by Their Royal
Highnesses, was present and the
Gentlemen of the Household in
Watsing were in attendance.
Mr W. Turner was received in and Miss A. C. Gibey
The engagement is aumounced
between Thomas Charles, only son
of Mr Thomas F. Blackwell, of
Langham Hall, Bury St Edminds,
Suffolk, and Mrs Neville C. Seiway, of 15 Montague Mews South,
London, W1, and Arabella Clare,
only daughter of Mr and Mrs
John G. Gilbey, of Inholmes, Newbury, Berkshire. Mr J. M. J. Reay
and Miss P. M. E. Brees
The engagement is amounced
between John Malcolm Justin,
younger son of Mrs E. G. A.
Nicklin, of New Farm, Pewsham,
Wiltshire, and Philippa Mary
Eleanor, only daughter of Mr and
Mrs P. R. Breen, of Grove Park,
Knutsford, Cheshire, Mr E. D. Roch and Miss C. Cobbeid The engagement is announced between Eugène Roch, younger son of Mr E. F. Roch and the late Mrs L. Roch, of Rolle, Vaud, Switzerland, and Cerinna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P. F. Cobbold, of Elkington Lodge, Welford, Northampton.

Watting were in attendance.

Mr W. Turner was received in audience by The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon and The Duke of Gloucester, Counsellors of State acting on behalf of The Queen, and kissed hands more like approximent as hands upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to the Republic of Botswana.

Was Turner had the honour of being received by Their Royal

CLARENCE HOUSE CLARENCE HOUSE
March 22: Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother this morning
opened the rebuilt Elizabeth,
Countess De La Warr Almshouses
at Withyham.
In the afternoon Her Majesty
visited Tunbridge Wells Town
Hall and the Geristric Unit et

Hall and the Gertatric Unit et Pembury Hospital.
Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother subsequently opened Florence Balls House, the Immoders' Company's Home for the Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association.
Her Majesty travelled in an Aircraft of The Queen's Flight.
The Lady Jean Rankin and Captain Alastair Aird were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
March 22: The Duchess of Kent,
President of the Royal Northern
College of Music, accompanied by
The Duke of Kent, this evening
attended a performance of La
Bohème given by the College at
Sadier's Wells Theatre.
Mrs Alan Heoderson and Captain Peter Le Marchand were in
attendance.

The Duchess of Gloricester is to become the first Patron of West-field College, London University. Princess Alexandra will be present at a gala performance of Bernard Shaw's Saint Joan by the Prospect Theatre Company at the Old Vic on May 10.

Sir Harold Wilson, MP, will open the Fine Art and Antiques Fair at Olympia on June 9 at 11. Wing Commander and Mrs Hubert Allen are leaving Woodcote Lodge permanently on April 1. Letters will be forwarded.

A memorial service for Major E. C. R. Sheffield will be held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, WI, on Wednes-day, March 30, at 11,30 am.

Birthdays today Professor H. C. Allen, 60; Sir Roger Bannister, 48; Mr Jimmy Edwards, 57; Marshal of the RAF Lord Elworthy, 66; Mr Douglas Jay, MP, 70; Sir Francis Lascelles, 87; Mr D. B. McNee. 52; Sir Oscar Morland, 73; Sir Ralph Perring, 72; Professor Sir John Randall, 72; Sir Edward Warner, 66; the Most Rev G. O. Williams, 64; Sir Denis Wright, 66.

Church news in-charge of St. John's, Wrotall, same diocess.

The Rev H. Collerd, Rector of Hoty Trinky, Chesterfield, diocese of Userly to be priest-in-charge of Roty Trinky, Metiock Barb, Same, diocese.

The Rev H. C. S. Fowler, currer of Bishopston, Jocese of Bristal, to be Rector of St. Gerran's wift. St. Anthony. In-Reveland, diocese of Bristal, to be Rector of St. Gerran's wift. St. Anthony. In-Reveland, diocese of Trinks.

The Rev Charts Church, particle of St. Path's Slough, diocese of Conference of Courseling, diocese of Courseling.

The Rev N. C. Jones, Rector of Longuezon with Eton, diocese of Courseling.

The Rev N. C. Jones, Rector of Dunham, to be also Ruisal Dean of Stockton.

The Rev S. C. Morris, priest-in-charge, or Westerleigh with Wesley and Doddington, diocese of Bristol, to

Diocese of Lichfield Accom s. Shirmall.

Diocese of London
The Rev L. K. Chisholm, West of St Martin's, Welverhampton, diocese of Lichtheld, to be Vicar of All Saints.

Harrow Westd.
The Rev R. H. Wounded, carries of St Michael's, Wood Creen, to be prior the charge of St Michaels, Man-

Diocese of Exeter
The Roy J. C. Saxbee, curate of
Romannes, Physical to be priced-to-charge of St. Philip's, Weston Mill.
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Land Companies of Salatic Central panel is now in the Warcentral panel is now in the Warcen triptych

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
A Cologne museum paid 1.1m
trancs, or £128,504, for a fifteenthtrants, or £128,504, for a lifteenth-century German triptych in Paris on Monday night. It was the star-item in the auction of Old Master paintings held by Ader et Picard at the Palais Galliera; they had been hoping for about 700,000 france.

The triptych depicts the pas-sion of Christ with a central panel of the Crucifixion; it is the work:

Latest appointments

Lifeboat awards

Mr Keith Bower, second coxswain of the Turbay lifeboat, has been awarded the Royal National Life-

awarded the Royal National Life-boat Institution's gold medal for gallantry for his part in rescuing IO people from a disabled freign-ter last December. He is the first to receive the award since 1966. Mr Stephen Bower, Mr John Hun-lein, Mr John Dew, Mr Michael Mills, Mr Nicholas Davies and Mr Richard Brown receive bronze medals for their part in the rescue.

Latest appointments include:
Mr J. S. Gowers to be a Master
of the Supreme Court (Chancery
Division) from April 18.
Mr Jack Brooksbank, director of
finance, Yerkshire Water Authority, to be chief executive of the
authority, in succession to Mr
Arthur Baldwin, who retires in
April.

central panel is now in the War-saw Museum. They were bought by the Brussels Musées Royaux. An allegorical panel by Jan Brenghel the Elder depicting the four elements with flowers, birds, and fish made 450,000 franci (esti-mate 300,000 to 350,000 francs) or FSZ-570. An agood by Pieter mate 300,000 to 350,000 francs) or 552,570. A panel by Pieter Breughel the Younger entitled "Les oeuvres de Miséricorde." made 380,000 francs (estimate 300,000 to 350,000 francs) or 544,393, and a fine river landscape by Jan van Goven made 350,000 francs (estimate 300,000 to 350,000 francs) or 540,888.

In Amsterdam on Monday night Christie's held a sale of Sac Dutch office. The name of van Vianen, a family of seventeenth-century silversmiths whose Mannerist creations have an international appeal, was represented by two

of a Strasbourg artist known to thristie's held a sale of fine Dutch have been working between 1460 silver. The name of van Vianen, and 1490, While his name is unrecorded, he is called the Master silversmiths whose Mannerist of the Malkammer Altar, after his work in that town. The price emphasizes the recent climb in price of early German masters.

The sale included two panels figure of Spring by Adam van by the Master of St Gudule, a Vianen and dated 1521 was sold

Latest wills

Research Fund.

cluded Gould's Humming-Birds at £15,500 (estimate £13,000 to £15,000), to Traylen, and The Birds of Asia at £16,000 (estimate £10,000 to £12,000), to Dawson. Every lot in the sale was sold; the total was £124,513. A salt-cellar modelled as the figure of Spring by Adam van Vianen and dated 1521 was sold

left £50,588 net. He left £8,000 to personal legatees, and the residue to the Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Mrs Norah Margaret Dingwall, of St Leonards on Ses, left 595,513 net. She left £10,000 to the National Trust. Mary Burn, of Newcastle upon Type, left £72,363 net. After vari-ous bequests she left the residue equally between the British Heart Foundation and Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Other estates include (net. before

Poole £240,922 Milholland, Mr Arthur Wishart, of Wimbledon, pyrotechnist 5516,191

Otherwise late seventeenth-century and early eighteenth-century and early eighteenth-century silver sold well. A large engraved beaker of 1681 went for 18,000 guilders (estimate 15,000 to 20,000 guilders), or 54,285. Apart from the unsold tazza, the sale made £145,166, with 9 per centuresold.

A sale of ministures and works

A sale of ministures and works of art at Christie's in London yesterday made 587,916, with less than 1 per cent unsold. El Zeony paid 58,000 (estimate 55,000 to 56,000) for an Indian gold-mounted and jewel-encrusted ivory elephant.

A book sale at Sotheby's in-

Memorial services Squadron Leader S. Insham morial service for Squadron held

Mr. Philip Langley Wood, of. Stoke-on-Trent, colliery engineer,

Charmanamp of Mr Winsan Arthur Baldwin, who retires in April.

Marrow, a member of the society's council, held their annual dinner at Nothingian University last night. The guest speaker was Dame Dians Resder-Harris.

Service diffiner.

British American Forces Dining Char American Charge d'Affaires, dangerous substances: Leader Stafford Righam was held at St Clement Danes, Strand, yesterday. The Rev G. R. Renow-den officiated and the lessons were read by Lord Oaksey and Mr Peter O'Sullevan, Major-General Sir James d'Avigdor-Goldsmid gave an address. Among those present ware: present ware:

Mrs highem (widow), Mr and Mrs
Richard Ingless and let and Mrs
Tony Ingless and let and Mrs
Ton Ingham and Mr Jock
Inghes (brothers), Miss 'Iwanne
Ingham, Mr Gordon Inghess, Twanne
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Ite Hon J. J. Astor, Sir Charles
Broad, Sir Gordon Richards, Mr und
O'Sullsvan, Mr John Rickman, Mr und
Mrs Joe Davis, Mr and Mrs Geoff
Levis, Mr Joramy Irve, Mr and Mrs
J. Sirett, Mr I. B. Robinson, Mr
J. Wilson, Mr H. E. Smythe, Mr B.
Swith, Mr and Mrs C. J. Mr. C.
Dodson, Mr and Mrs C. J. Dodson,
Mr and Mrs A. V. Mullings, Mr H. J.
Gory Bischburn, Dr and Mrs A. A.

Fermont, Miss J. A. Fermont, Lieutenant-Colone and Mrs N. E. Frieze. Mr R. Craddock (Pacemaker Publications), Mr Frank Ellie (Associated Newspapers) and Mrs Silks, Mr and Mrs J. Allen. Coloned and Mrs Ton. Nickalls, Mr Silks, Mr and Mrs J. Allen. Coloned and Mrs Ton. Nickalls, Mr Fred Willer (Edbey Racias), Mr Quintin Gibey, Air Commoders W. T. Srooks (United Bace Courses), Mr Prod Winter (National Iraliner) Frideration). Mr and Mrs Alan Palmer, Mr Pried Winter (National Iraliner) Frideration). Mr And Mrs Alan Palmer, Mr Pied Scott, Mr D. Whelan, Mr Humphrey Cottrill, Mr John Histon, Mr R. U. Caskill, Mr and Mrs G. Romshaw, Mr Stanley Wootton, Mr and Mrs G. Cours and William Lieutevannia. Chanadaer (RAF Reserves Cha).

Mr T. F. Lindsay

A memorial service for Mr Tom Lindsay was held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, yesterday. Mgr Francis Barriett and Prebendary Dewi Morgan officiated. Lord Hartwell read the lesson and Mr William Deedes, editor of The Daily Telegraph, gave an address.

Iran invites designs for huge library

Teheran, March 22.—The Iranfan Government is holding an international competition for the design of a national library with he a legacy to posterity in frant and to world culture." Dr. Shojaeddin Shafa, in director, and.

There is a cash award of 14m rials (about £117,500) for the winning design. An equal amount will be shared between second and third in the competition, which is being held under the anspices of the Panis-bossed Union International design, whose membership includes 77 countries and 3,000 architects from all over the world, also supervised an international context for the Georges Pompidon Cultural Centre in Paris.

"The Pahlavi Retional Library will be a legacy to posterity in Iran and to world culture." Dr. Shojaeddin Shafa, in director, and.

The designs, which the Government expects to reflect Iran's national architecture, must be submitted by January 20, 1978.

A jury of 15 distinguished architects and library experts from the United States, the Soviet union, Britain, West Germany, France, Italy, Japan, Switzerland, Belgium, India, Mexico and Iwory Coast will meet in Teherans to select the best design.

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in north Teheran. It will overlook "The Shah and People Square", which is expected to be bigger

The library's plan is contained in a 3,000-page report prepared by a committee of Iranian and foreign library experts set up in 1974 after the Shah aumounced that a Horary to serve as a model in today's world should be established in Iran.

"The establishment of the library is a revival, after centuries of silence, of the period when Iran provided the best library of Islamic world", Dr Shaft

Science report

Astrophysics: Exploding black holes

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Perhaps the most exciting concept
in physics at present is that of
exploding black holes. Hithered
the chances of detecting these
explosions have seemed almost an
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indigit University, implies that
radio telescopes may be able to
detect the effects of black holes
exploding even in distant galaxie.

A black hole is believed to resmit from the gravitational collages of a very massive star; the force
of gravity becomes so great the
even light cannot escape. Any
particles or light rays passing
close by will be swallowed up and
no energy can escape; a black hole
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work of the reliefly, who has shown
that, when quantum effects and
black holes appear to give out,
energy in the form of particle
and light rays. In other words
they are warm objects.

The temperature of a black hole
depends only on its mass, a san it
absorbs energy it becomes notice as it absorbs energy. But for a black
hole the reverse is true; as it
absorbs energy in the form of particles
massive and therefore cools. If a

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Eton College

Lton College
The Lent Half at Eton College
ends today. There are two boys
leaving, one of whom is captain
of the school, R. P. McM. Bell,
KS. The Newcastle Scholarship for
Divinity has been awarded to A.
A. J. Mouson, OS. The Newcastle
Médallist is N. L. Macpheraon, KS.
and the Wilder Prize has been
awarded to T. Minney, KS.
Es, the final of the house football Mr G. D. Roynon's defeated
Mr R. H. Hardy's by six points to
three, Mr J. S. B. Peake's retained
the Athletics Cup. The Summer
Half begins on April 20.

WRNS exchange

The first exchange appointment between the Women's Royal Naval Service and the Women's Royal Naval Service and the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service will take place today when First Officer June Baker WRANS, aged 38, takes over from First Officer Ethabeth Sunley WRNS, aged 32, as training officer at HMS Dauntless, the WRNS New Entry establishment, at Burghfield, near Reading, First Officer Sunley will become Assistant Director WRANS at the Navy Office, Canberra, on April 5.

Oxford Union Society

The new President of the Oxford Union Society. is Miss. Victoria Schoffeld, of Lady Margaret Hall. Mr Dumian Green, of Balliol College, is librarian, Mr Anthony Fry, of Magdalen. College, treasurer, and Miss Caroline: Foster, of St Anne's College, sec-retary.

Today's engagements Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, on behalf of the Queen,

Mother, on behalf of the Queen, holds investiture, Buckingham Palace, 11.
Princess Anne, president, attends spring council meeting of Save the Children Fund of Northern Ireland, Hillsborough Castle, 12.
Princess Margaret, as president, attends luncheon in aid of Barnardo's, and presents Champlon Children of the Year awards, Hilton hotel, 12.30; attends preciere of film A Starts Born, in aid of NSPCC and British Technion Society, Warner Theatre, Leicester Square, 8.20.
The Dychess of Gloucester, an Patron of the Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, attends preview of the musical Fire Angel, Her Majesty's Theatre, 7.36.
Delly Malf Ideal-Home Exhibition, Olympia, 10-9.

25 years ago

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From The Times of Saturday,
March 22, 1952.
Paris, March 21.—Herr Joliannes
Hoffmann, Premier of the Saar.
declared today that the agreement
reached between France and Germany to begin direct conversations
on the future of the Saar was a
distinct step forward and pointed
to a marked lowering of tension.
It was the first time, he said, that
the government of the Saar had
had the opportunity of explaining
in point of view on this issue at
an international meeting where Dr
Adenauer was present. He drew
the conclusion that the Federal
Chancellor had thereby implicitly
recognized the existence of the
Saar Government.

OBITUARY

MR BASIL BROWN

Discovery of Sutton Hoo ship

Basil Brown, of Diss, Norfolk, whose death at the age of 89 has been announced, made a niche for himself in archaeological history as the discoverer and initial excavator of the great 7th Century AD Anglo-Saxon royal ship-burial at Sutton Hoo, near Woodbridge, the most important single find ever made in this country, and one of ourstanding European importance.

The son of a tenant-farmer, Brown ran a small-holding which proved unsuccessful, and in 1935 turned to casual excavation for the Ipswich Museum as a livelihood. It was in this way that he came to be recom-mended to Mrs Pretry when she consulted the Ipswich Museum about her wish to in-restigate a group of barrows on her estate at Sutton Hoo. As a field worker Brown was self-taught but he combined a keen eye with great familiarity with local soils and a good deal of experience. He began archaeological investigations, it is said, at the age of five.

Having encountered the rear Sutton Hoo in 1938, and knowing Hele's description of the excavation of the ship-burial at Snape in 1862, Brown recognized the first civet of the bow of the 90ft ship for what it was as soon as it was uncovered. As no wood survived he was in effect dealing with a ghost ship, defined chiefly by its rivets which remained in posl-Brown's judicious initial were recognized in the award approach to the mound and his to him of a Civil List pension restraint in not disturbing any, in 1968. His widow survives of these rusted iron lumps, but

Dr R. L. S. Bruce-Mitford in following their alignments. and in refraining from over-cleaning exposed surfaces, that it was in due course possible to obtain perfect visual records obtain perfect visual records and recover much of the technical detail of a uniquely important vessel. Brown also exposed elements of the intact burial-deposit but left it undisturbed, handing the formidable task ahead over to C. W. Phillips.

Brown never published any of his archaeological work, his field notes and diaries being worked up for publication by the Ipswich Museum. A personal record survives however ap merger

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the Ipswich Museum. A personal record survives however in the shape of his diary of his excavations at Sutton Hoo in 1938 and of the early stages of the excavation of the shipburial in 1939. This is published, with a photograph of Brown, in my Aspects of Anglo-Suxon Archaeology (1974).

He made a mark also in a quite different field amateur.

quite different field, amateur astronomy. His only instrument was a 2in telescope. He published in 1932 Astronomical lished in 1932 Astronomical Atlases, Maps and Charts, a work sufficiently in demand to be reported in 1966, and one which the publishers then described as "filling an inexplicable gap in the literature".

The complete countyman, brown and with a strong The complete countryman, Brown spoke with a strong Norfolk accent, and was a modest man filled with a captivating enthusiasm for his chosen interests, to which he was dedicated. He also showed much courage and independence of spirit in facing the difficul-ties that often confronted him.

All these influences led her

naturally to the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and the harpsichord became her

special interest. She elways showed an impressive command

ing back into the repertory the works of Domenico Scarland

and François Conperin, at ther time sadly neglected, but she was also an accomplished

Mozertian.

LUCILLE WALLACE

Lucilie Wallace, the well-lessons with Schuabel in Berlin known planist and harpsicbord player, and the wife of Sir Clifford Curzon, the distinguished planist, died on March 21 at the age of 79. At a time when the age of 79. At a time was the harpsichord and clavichord showed an impressive comment. She was were not as familiar on the reof the instrument. She was particularly successful in bringparticularly successful in bringday, she revived interest in them, and her programmes were always planned to show

the development of keyboard styles and techniques. She was born in Chicago on February 22, 1898, and studied in that city at the Bush Conservatory, later going to Vessar, where she won a scholarship in 1923 to the University of Vienna. In 1924-25 she con-tinued her studies under Nadia

Latterly she had retired from the concert pistform, and de-voted herself to seconding the career of her husband whom she married in 1931. In their homes in Highgate and on the Artersee in Austria, she was the Boulanger and Wanda Landow kindest at ska at the Sorbodne, and took hostesses. kindest and most generous of

THE DUKE OF PORTLAND

The Duke of Portland, KG, a manry (Sherwood Rangers) former Chancellor of Nottingham University, died on March 21 at the age of 84. He was the 7th Duke. William Arthur Henry Cavendish-Bentinck was born on March 16, 1893, the elder son of the 6th Duke. He was educated at Eton and commissioned as a Lieutenant in Knight of the Garter in 1948. was concared at Lion and com-missioned as a Lieutenant in Knight of the Garter in 1948. the Royal Horse Guerds, As He married, in 1915, the Lord Litchfield he sat in the Hon Ivy Gordon Lennox—who House of Commons as Unionist was a Maid of Honour to MP for the Notts Newark Divi-sion from 1922 to 1943. He was an Assistant Whip in 1927, and was Junior Lord of the Treas-

Nottingham University in 1954 and was made an Hon LLD of the University in the following Queen Alexandra from 1912 to 1915 and was created a DBE in 1958—only daughter of Lord Algernon Gordon-Lennox. They had, two He succeeded his father in his kinsman, Major Sir 1943. From 1933 to 1936 he Ferdinand William Cavendish-commanded the Notrs Yeo-Bantinck.

COLONEL JACK LOWTHER

Colonel Jack Lowmer, CBE, Leeds, John George Lowber DSO, MC, who died on March 19 at the age of 91, played a leading part in the public and sporping life of Northamotonshire. He was for some years a county councillor and an alder-man from 1949 to 1970. He was a Deputy Lieutenent and from 1942 to 1959 was chairman of in 1939-40, he commanded the Lintle Bowden Justices. In 1953 the was created CBE, He had a regiment. He was honorary long and flourishing association with the Pytchley Hounds of Yeomanny from 1931 to 1950.

was educated at Winchester and joined the 11th Hussars in 1905. He served with distinction in the First World War in the Northamptonshire Yeomany winning the DSO and MC and being twice mentioned in despatches. From 1924 to 1928, and again

which he was joint Master from 1923 to 1940 and again from Lilah White, elder daughter of the third Baron Annaly. They The second son of G. W. Lowther, of Swillingon House, His wife died last December.

SIR CHARLES WIGGIN

and affection for, Spain, but with him soon came to realize also a public servant with a that they were deading with a particularly exacting private tandard of responsibility and reliability. Despite his distinguished. commitment.

His humour was dry and with-out illusion. Though always out illusion. Though always well-informed and gravely courteous, he could give the impression, to those who did not know him well, of a rather detached and occasionally uneasy participant in activities, many of which seemed to appeal to his well-developed sense of the absurd. To those who knew him well he was, in a good old-fashioned sense, a man of courage and honour. He was courage and honour. He was committed, serious and im-mensely hard-working. If at times he seemed cautious and almost diffident, that was

SUSAN LADY TWEEDSMUIR

Susan Lady Tweedsamir, widow of the first Lord Tweedsmuir, John Buchan, the author, and sometime Governor-General of Canada, died on March 21 at the age of 94. She was Susan, eldest daughter of the Hon Norman Grosvenor, MP for Chester 1869-74, and son of the first Lord Ebury and she mar-ried John Buchan in 1907. He died in 1940.

She was a woman of perception and intelligence and published three books of reminiscence The Lilac and the Rose;

T.B. writes:

With Charles Wiggin's death, to let no aspect of a problem his country has lost not just a distinguished ambassador with an outstanding knowledge of, Those who worked closely with him soon came to realize

reliability. Despite his distin-guished war record, he was unmilitary in manner and appearance; yet he was greatly liked and respected in the Ministry of Defence when the FCO Assistant Under-Secretary for Nato and Western European Affairs; and in 1973, a year in which relations between the United States and the EEC were strained, his relations with the staff of the United States Embassy were uniquely good.

To those who had gained his confidence, he was open, under-standing, sympathetic. With them his humour blossomed, and he became the best and most amusing of friends.

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William Laurence, the only journalist allowed to watch the first US atomic bomb test in 1945, has died in Palma, Majorca, at the see of 89. He twice won the Pulitzer Prize. He shared the first award in 1937 for coverned of the Harvard tercentenary conference of arts and sciences, and won it in 1946 for his eyewitness account of the 1945 atomic raid on Nagasaki.

Mr J. Jefferson Smurfit, chairman of the Jefferson Smurfit Group, has died in Dublin: In 1938 he came to cence The Lilac and the Rose;
A Winter Bouquet and The
Edwardian Lady; John Buchan: by his wife and friends;
a book on Canada; two children's books Mice on Horseback and The Cat's Grandmother; and a number of nonand oversess operations.

UK nuclear

Energy Correspondent
The Nuclear Power Company,
the operating arm of the
National Nuclear Corporation,
and GEC Reactor Equipment,
are to bid for a multi-million
pound contract to build a 50

megawatt training reactor in

place between the companies.
and the Kowait Ministry of
Electricity and Water. A tender
is expected in about three
months time in the face of
stiff competition by the Germans, French and, possibly, the

Japanese.

MPC is not disclosing the type of reactor involved in the bid, mainly because the company is also undertaking an assessment for the Government of the British nuclear reactor pro-

This assessment, due to be handed to the Government next month, has now slipped behind schedule and will not be ready

until June. The company sees a conflict of interest in carrying

publicly that it is offering a specific type of reactor to an

overseas customer.

Kuwait has decided to embark on a gradual changeover to

nuclear power generation for electricity and its desalination

The training reactor will produce about 40 megawatts for electricity production with the remaining 10 megawatts channelled into an associated declination.

desalination plant, which will also be part of the contract. Kuwait's 1300 MW electricity

system is based on oil and natural gas as generating fuels.

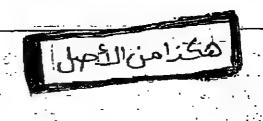
However, demand is increasing at about 15 per cent a year and

in Kuwait

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EEC industry chief gives warning of strong action to stop subsidies on steel

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, March 22

Viscount Etienne Davignon, sible for industrial policy, said prepared to use the powers it had under the treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community to ban sub-sidies or aids granted by mem-ber states to their steel

industries.
Unveiling new proposals for the long-term rationalization of the long-term rationalization visthe EEC's steel industry, Vis-count Davignon stressed that use of these powers would be a secondary line of attack. "My first weapon is persua-sion", he said. "Member Governments must be made to see the necessity of fitting in their investment plans with their investment plans with overall Community policy. Under questioning, Viscount Davignon insisted that, after talks here with Mr Kaufmann, Minister of State at the Department of Industry, he was satisfied that neither British Steel's planned £235m expan-Steel's planned £835m expan-sion of its Port Talbot plant nor the reprieve for its Shotton works in North Wales ran counter to the commission's

rationalization objectives.

Viscount Davignon said that the commission's proposals, which include setting minimum prices for steel products and the introduction of a system of import licences, would be submitted to the EEC summit in Rome at the end of this week because it was essential that member Governments "indicate they share our diagnosis and the remedies we are proposing. EEC steel plants were in general operating at no more than 65 per cent of capacity he said. It had become clear that the prolonged crisis in the steel industry reflected not

Pilkington

bid trebles

share price

Pilkington Brothers, which is

Commission report on its offer for UK Optical, yesterday made an agreed cash and paper bld for control of Beer & Stroud,

Glasgow precision optical equip-

tock market has ever seen as

ar & Stroud showed a three-

fold rise from 173p to 560p on

Terms are one Pilkington share (down to at 325p yesterday) plus 265p cash for every Barr & Stroud share and 60p in cash for each of 250,000 preference.

joint managing directors, and

directors holding a further 9.3 per cent, have given irrevocable

no overlap. We make electro-optical night vision equipment

done some research and development that Pilkington

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Viscount Davignon: Satisfied with Port Talbot project.

merely a cyclical economic downturn but also a funda-mental imbalance between capacity and demand. This could be corrected only on a Community basis.

The new proposals are intended to reinforce the comexisting anti-crisis based mainly voluntary pledges by steel companies, or groups of companies, to limit their sales on the EEC market to specified levels. (There is no limit as such on production or stocking.)

These existing measures, which were introduced on January 1 and recently extended until the end of June, bave had little discernible impact so far, even though 90 per cent of producers are said to be abiding by them. In an attempt to arrest the

continuing deterioration of steel prices, the commission is

By Our Financial Staff

International Stores,

United Kingdom retailing sub-

sidiary of BAT Industries, has

accepted by the F. J. Wallis Settlement, in which a director,

Mr E. T. Blythe, is a trustee,

of 42 per cent of the equity.

The bidder is to make a cash

offer of the same amount for the balance of the fully paid and partly paid incentive

International announced yes-

terday that it would continue

and develop Wallis's existing

activities including its ware-

£21m for Wallis

obligatory minimum prices the EEC market for reon the EEC market for re-inforcing bars and voluntary minimum prices for other steel products.

This would be coupled with a system of import licences which would be issued autopurchase contract. The purpose of the system would be to monitor imports and make it easier to detect unfair commercial practices, such as

that there could be no question of physical controls on steel or physical courtors on steel imports. Imports were only partially to blame for the depressed steel market, and as a major trading block the EEC had nothing to gain from a policy of "closing doors and retreating into isolation". retreating into isolation.".
Instead, the commission
would pursue its present policy of seeking voluntary price and of seeking voluntary price and export quota agreements with such traditional suppliers of steel to the Community as layan, Spain, South Africa, South Korea and East Europe. Internally, the EEC must make more use of the European Investment Bank, the regional and social funds and the ECSC budget to finance the creation.

budget to finance the creation of new jobs for, and the re-training of, steel workers made redundant by retionalization.

In part, this meant channel-ling investment loans much more selectively to rationalization projects and to creating other jobs. The commission intended to raise some 600 to 700 million units of account (about £370m to £470m in loans this kind in 1977. About a third of this sum would be advanced at subsidized rates of

would be offered other employ-

ment although the bidder pointed out that the two stores

than the average size of its own

Its sales volume since the end-

September last year end has im-

proved by a tenth, disregarding the turnover lost through store

For its own part, Wallis has been going from strength to

strength and turnover for the first eight weeks of the current

financial year is up by some 23 per cent. Net cash, as shown by the January 1 last balance sheet, has risen from £1.28m to

with oil reserves probably run-ing out towards the end of the century, Kuwait has decided to start on the road to nuclear power.

Under the proposed contract, Kuwaitis will be trained in nuclear technology. NPC feels that the Kuwait approach to nuclear power may be followed by other Gulf states, opening a small but potentially valuable market for small reactors and the possibility of full-sized follow-up orders. Stores group offers outlet closures, staff follow-up orders.

For NPC, an order from Kuwait would be particularly valuable in view of the uncertainty about the British nuclear walls, the Essex supermarket mentary.

Chain, Last night BAT said it International will acquire had more than 50 per cent of simost 100 stores with an average area of 5,000 sq ft more programme. Government per mission has been given for the contract bid.

Dadcock raises Morris offer

By Our Financial Staff
Babcock & Wilcox last night
again raised its offer for the crane manufacturers Herbert

Morris from 148p a share cash to 205p, valuing the company at 56.8m.

The Morris board immediately rejected the revised terms as "still unsatisfactory" and proposed, subject to Treasury permission, to double the net dividend for the current year to 20p.

year to 20p.

Morris has forecast a significant profits increase this year, but on historic earnings the proposed dividend would have been less than twice covered.

Last year the dividend was in-Last year the dividend was increased from 6p net to 10p net. Before the revised terms were known Morris's shares closed 2p down at 188p. Babcock originally offered 120p a share, the price it paid Amalyamated Industrials for its stake.

Vauxhall wins biggest order

A contract for 5,600 Bedford vans worth about £8m—the biggest vehicle order at Vauchall Motors' history—has been placed by the Post Office.

When deliveries are completed at the end of the year, the total number of Bedford light vans to enter Post Office service since 1972 will be nearly 23,000. "Bumper to-bumper these vehicles would almost stretch from London to Brighton", a Vauxhall spokesman said yesterday.

I wo join Industrial Advisory board

Two appointments to the Government's Industrial Development Advisory Board announced yesterday are: Mr S. T. Graham, director and chief general manager of the Midland Bank, and Mr E. Hammond, a full-time executive councilor of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union.

Mr K. R. Bond, deputy managing director of GEC, and Mr

R. E. B. Lloyd, chief executive of Williams and Glyn's Bank, have left the board.

Marginal decline in Community jobless

The number unemployed in the European Community de-clined 1.76 per cent in February from January, but was still up 3.3 per cent from the February notal last year, the Commission reported in Brussels yesterday. The jobless total was 5,772,000 at the end of February, down from 5,876,000 mount see and my from 5,586,000 a year ago.
The overall rate was 5.5 per cent in February, compared with 5.6 per cent in January, February, compared

but up from 5.3 per cent a year

Components walkout poses fresh threat to Leyland as toolroom fears reappear switching back from Mr Clive who voted against calling off

Leyland Cars' recovery from threats yesterday as a new strike added to fears that the 3,000 toolmakers may stop work again in protest at further diminution of their negotiating

The latest stoppage at the key SU carburettor factory in Bir-mingham could halt carburettor supplies for all Leyland cars. Forty-one foremen walked out there following a row over another foremen's request to return to his old job as a bench

Mr Colin Aish was only recently promoted, but for per-sonal reasons wished to return to the shop floor. This would involve him in

Massey output halted by fresh stoppage

- A new strike yesterday halted tractor assembly at Massay Ferguson's Covenity fac-tory, where production resumed only nine days ago after the longest and most costly strike in the company's history.

It lasted more than 11 weeks and lost more than £80m worth of tractors at retail prices. Yesterday's stoppage fol-lowed a walkout by 85 gearbox assemblers in protest at a management reply to demands

for increased piecework rates. They will return tomorrow but are threatening to welk out again unless the company meets their demands.

rific, Technical and Managerial Staffs to the Transport and General Workers Union—a move rejected by the foremen, who are all members of the

A month ago another strike involving the same foremen shut SU for two weeks.

Mr Roy Fraser, the toolmakers' leader, is meeting the 11 members of his strike commirtee in Birmingham today to discuss the latest setback to their demands for separate

Mr Chris Prince, an Oxford member of Leyland's toolroom committee said last night: "It is now on the cards that the committee will be asked to revive the strike." Mr Prince,

the strike last week, said Ley-land had not met the conditions he toolmakers laid down for me toolmakers laid down for going back.

Mr Peter Hatto, one of thit Oxford men who took part in Monday's talks, said he was not

happy about the outcome.
There was no timetable for ending pay disparities or restor ine differentials.
The toolmakers returned to work on Monday, enabling the company to recall more than 40,000 laid-off workers. On the same day 16 of their represen-tetives spent 10 hours telking with officials of their union, the Amalgamated Union of Engi-

neering Workers, and three company executives. But when the talks ended advance Saturday's they angrily claimed that they probably to tomorrow.

work". Instead of the hoped work . Instead of the negotia-ting team composed of AUEW officials and toolmakers' representatives they had been offered one sest on a working group comprising all Leyland unions Their claims for the restora removal of anomalies in tool makers' pay would be only one of many claims which this body

would discuss with managemen. The full 63-strong toolmakers' committee was due to meet ou Saturday, but last night there were suggestions that in the light of the latest setback the '11-man strike committee will advance Saturday's meeting.

Ford toolmen ready to take action if next pay round fails to restore differentials

By Tim Jones Labour Reporter

Representatives of skilled day left their officials on the national executive of the Amalgamated Union of Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers in no doubt that they would be prepared to take industrial action unless their differentials were fully restored in the next round pay bargaining.
Mr Paul Capps, the national

skilled group secretary on the Ford joint negotiating com-minee, which includes toolmakers, told Mr. John Boyd, the union's general secretary, that their concern over the erosion in differentials

their colleagues employed at sentatives. Levlands.

According to Mr Capps, the growing frustration of Ford's skilled men over wage anoma-lies could "boil over" unless steps were taken to end the disparities in the next pay round.

In order to demonstrate their determination, the skilled men have been engaging in a series, of token stoppages throughout Ford plants which has disrupted production.

Central to the skilled men's complaint is that they are heavily pursumbered on the joint negotiaring council by un-

just as real as that felt by skilled and semi-skilled repr This imbalance, they claim

allows unions such as the Transport and General Workers' Union to exercise an unrepresentative influence on behalf of the grades they

represent.
Mr Capps made it clear that
the skilled men would be asking for a differential payment bove any flat rate increuse negotiated for Ford workers in the next round. This, he said, was essential

in order to half the erosion of 22 per cent in differentials his members had suffered since

Dilemma for Standard NEB buys control of Trust shareholders

By Adrienne Gleeson Shareholders of Standard Trust were yesterday placed in a dilemma when, just three days before the offer for their shares by the British Rail Pension Fund is due to close, Schlesinger Trust Managers, announced that it had approached their board with two proposals of unitization.

Both choices, according to Schlesinger, represent an improvement on the terms offered by the Standard board. Last night Standard's direc-

tors, who have rejected the bid from the British Rail Pension Funds as inadequate, and who have claimed that Standard's shares are attractive as a continuing investment, were considering this new development. Like the bid from the Pension Funds, the proposals put forward by Schlesinger place a value of Standard's shares which is established by applying a formula to their net asset back-

However, where the Pension Funds have insisted that the

contingent liability to capital gains tax and the dollar pre-mium surrender should be stripped out of the value of the inger does not expect having to make full reserves for either.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The following are the monthly

figures for Great Britain released by the Department of Employ-ment yesterday:

1,252 1,251 1,235 1,231 1,220 1,278 1,402 1,440 1,395 1,321

1,390 1,355 1,328

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1,164 1,178 1,183

1,193 1,204 1,210

1,237 1,256 1,266 1,256

1,285

1,316‡ 1,273‡

REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT

FIGURES

The following are the monthly regions unemployment floures, seasonally

72,500 104,800

162,100

63,000

1,321,100

Change on month

-4,500 +300

-800

+200

-3,400 -1,100

-400 +500

-10,300 5.E

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5.2 4,7 5.1 6.5 .7.4 7.2 7.4 6.6

Moreover, where the Pension Funds have offered to buy Standard's shares at 4 per cent be-low their version of their asset backing, Schlesinger is looking for no such discount.
So where the Pension Funds

bid values Standard's shares at an estimated 138p an end-February figures, Schlesinger's proposals would value them at about 145p—assuming that any takers wanted to keep their cash in Schlesinger's trusts.

If they wanted to take cash following the unitzation, Schlesinger's managing director, Mr R. Timberlake, estimated last

R. Timberlake, estimated last night that they might at worst end up with 140p a share.
Since more than 50 per cent of Standard's shares are held by institutions, many of which will soft hold unit trings on principle, there would be a strong possibility of substantial redemptions if Schlesinger's scheme went through.

However, Schlesinger has

However, Schlesinger has allowed for redemptions of more than 50 per cent in calculating its figures.

Like Standard Trust's board,
the British Rail Pension Funds
were considering this new deve-

lopment last night. Standard's board has discussed the possi-bility of unitization with Schlesingers and others

medical company

In its second investment so for this week the National Enterprise Board is going into the medical equipment exporting business.

It has taken a 55 per cent nake in a previously whollyowned subsidiary of Allied in- UMEDCO will specialize in vestments, a public company providing United Kingdom operating nursing homes, pri- medical environment to hospitals. schemes, a medical employment agency and an expensive while Allied will continue to Home Counties health farm housed in a former Rothschild family mansion.

On Monday the NEB announced a £240,000 investment, and thus courtel, of a clockmaker, Thwaites and Reed. " . scratch. . .

medical equipment export busi-United Medical Company Inter-supply manufacturers, national (UMEDCO). It is pay. part of the NFE's ing Allied £250,000 for its stake and will make a further £1.75m available to UMEDCO when needed.

The NEB may seem a strange partner for Allied, since Allied's medical staff agency Financial editor, page 21 suffered when the NHS, at the

then Social Services Secretary, cut down heavily on the employment of acency nurses.
However, Dr Michael Sin-

clair, managing director of Allied, said yesterday: "I don't think we are strange bodfellows. Our interests are iden-

vate medical assurance particularly in the developing schemes, a medical employ-countries, and with initial emphasis on the Middle Eart. Tous Allied hones to be able

to provide complete puchage deals to countries withing to build and equip hospitals from

The NEB is gerting into the said yesterday: Our inverted and in UMEDCO should be needed. ness through a holding in fit all United Kingdom medical approach to boosting the con-tribution of manufacturing industry to the balance of payments."

Supply of medical equipment overseas is dominated by 100 companies—American Hosnit I Supply Corporation and Huspitalia, the Siemens/Phillips company.

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ence shares, valuing Barr & Strond at £6.05m. Holders of 50.5 per cent of Earr & Strond, mainly the families of Mr W. G. Strand and Mr G. M. Morrison, the juint managing directors, and houses and distribution centres. Financial News, page 23 per cent, have given irrevocable undertakings to accept the offer, which is subject to the usual conditions including Office of Fair Trading approval. Barr & Stroud is complementary with the Pilkington Brothers subsidiary Pilkington PE. Mr D. Cail, chairman of Pilkington's optical division said: There is no duplication, no overlan. We make alectronic **FNFC** outlook 'is still extremely pessimistic'

were yesterday given the blunt time of £2m a yest. warring that it would need a "miracle" for the company to achieve proper recovery. achieve proper recovery.

Mr John Glyn, who took over
as chairman to head the salvage
operation after the secondary
banking crisis, told shareholders

for defence and aviation and Barr & Stroud are major suppliers of periscopes, laser range finders and optical trackers." st the annual meeting in Lon-don: "The outlook is still The bid follows record profits from the Glasgow company of £858,000 in 1976 against extremely pessimistic." The group, said Mr Glyn, was still making losses although at f 1858,000 in 1976 against f 1858,000 in 1976 against f 1974,000 in 1975, but the high bid price is also partially explained by Barr & Strond's investment portfolio of f 2m.

The Ministry of Defence, including overseas orders taken through the ministry are wiser. a lower level than last year. Management estimates for the first four months' trading of the current financial year showed losses of around f5m. including overseas orders taken through the ministry are major customers of both groups. Mr Cail said that Barr & Stroud, which had made the first approach for a merger had done some research and "We need a miracle to achieve the turnround we seek",

while there is life, there is

said the chairman. But he added: "We take the view that

Shareholders in the First a 1 per cent change estimated National Finance Corporation to affect the results to the Mr Glyn cold shareholders the group had a capital deficiency of £70m. "In other words, we have £70m more liabilities than

> He had to defend the payment of compensation totalling £120,000 to three former directors, including Mr Pat Matthews, There is no doubt that it has been to the compensation of the compen pany's advantage to terminate the contracts", said the chair

the cost to the company if Mr Matthews had continued to work could have been at least £80,000—before taking account of the cost of providing him with an office and secretary. Mr Glyn disclosed that Mr Matthews received compensadevelopment that Pilkington would need to have done.

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The high interest rates over tion totalling £57.730, Dr Basil the past year had continued to Bard received £50,843, and Mr hit the group hard with only. John Bardwell, £11,865.

THE POUND

Tioxide Group

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Bank buys

Bank Sells

How the markets moved

· 15p to 420p

The Times index: 172.31+1.88 The FT index: 419.4+5.0

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Commercial Union

Hopes for early Co-op merger dashed Kenya curb

Hopes of getting a final decision at this year's congress over creation of a single federation for the Co-operative movement were dashed at a meeting in Manchester vesterday.

The movement, which first addressed itself to problems of fragmentation as long ago as 1906, was presented with the latest of many plans to produce a more streamlined organiza-tion, especially for its retailing operations, but immediately

there were signs of a split. A single national federation, merging the parallel federal bodies of the Co-operative Union (the movement's central coordinating body) and the Co-operative Wholesale Society (responsible for commercial activities) was backed by te special committee set up two years ago to thrash out diffi-

BP may use

exporting oil

By Roger Vielvoye British Petroleum is consider

ing turning its oil importing terminal at Finnart, on Loch Long in western Scotland, into

an export point for North Sea

The deep water anchorage at Finnart, which can bandle ancertankers, is linked to the

BP oil refinery at Grangemouth. on the Firth of Porth, by dual

pipelines across central Scot

to reverse the flow of oil through the lines, enabling the

export of oil through Fingart

while still retaining the ter-minal's shilty to handle the reduced quantity of imported crude still needed at Grange-

All of BP's oil from the Forties field is pined from the Cruden Bay lending terminal in

Aberdeenshire to Grangemouth, where it is either used in the

refinery or shipped to other United Kingdom refineries or exported through a terminal at

An export terminal on the

west coast of Scotland has con-

siderable attractions for BP as

it would reduce the sea pressage time to its Llandarcy refinery in South Wales, and provide the ideal export point for car-goes destined for North

It would also ensure that the

pipeline across central Scotland was more fully used. Until the

arrival of Forties oil, Finnert and the pipelines handled

almost all the crude oil from

the Middle East and other sources flowing into Grange-

crude has been drastically cut since the pipeline from Cruden

But the flow of imported

Hound Point, on the Forth.

America.

Equipment could be installed

oil from the Forties Field.

Finnart for

native view." statement—put forward it is understood by three of the 10 committee members—which said the merger proposal "in the foresee able future was inadvisable and not in the best interests of the The committee wants congress

backing for the interim majority report so a final report could go to the 1978 congress. The general view in the movement is that voting on the

report could be uncomfortably. close at this year's congress of the Spring Bank Holiday. But it might get through because of the weighting of votes.

Unless sentiment changes among the 215 autonomous re tail societies, some of which are particularly jealous of their

Vital new orders for Britain's hard pressed shipbuilding in-dustry have been jeoperdized

by the uncertainty overshadow-

ing tonight's vote of confidence

Members of the organizing committee for British Ship-

builders, the planued new simply being corporation, have been involved in detailed nego-been involved in detailed negobuilders, the planned new state

tiations with a number of British and foreign ship-

owners in the past few months.

It is understood that nine orders had reached a fairly ad-

vanced stage and firm inquiries

for a further 30 are being explored. But because of develop-

ments in Parliament over the past few days which have prompted fresh doubts over the

Mitsubishi says

tanker order

Shell will revoke

Tokyo, March 22. — Shell International Marine has noti-fied Mitsubishi Heavy Indus-tries that it will cancel an order

for the construction of two liquefled petroleum gas (lpg)

Mitsubishi said it made the

lowest bid at an international tender for the tankers, each capable of carrying 48,500 cubic metres of lpg, and Shell International gave a letter of intent.

The Jaranese yard declined to give further details, but the

financial daily Nihon Keizai said shell apparently concelled

the order because of British

The newspaper said Shell

International was expected to place an order for the construc-

tion of one lpg tanker with Harland and Wolff in Belfast

instead of Mitsubishi, on condi-

Government pressure.

in the Commons.

culties which have proved in-creasingly onorous as retailing not lose it under a single feder-connectition has grown.

autonomy—though they would f2,500m. The Co-op's market share has gone from 6.9 per cent in 1973 to 7.3 per cent last Competition has grown.

But the interim report of the committee contained an "altermore strongly weighted in fav.

But the interim report of the amalgamation could be even more strongly weighted in fav.

But our of no change, because on that decision the voting is on the basis of one society, one

> Mr Howard Perrow, chair-man of the special committee, who is also chairman of the Co-operative Union and chief executive officer of the recently-expanded Greater Lancastrian Society, acknowledged yester-day that the problem was to bring together the traditional democratic control of the movement with the need for an increasingly efficient national selling organization.
>
> He emphasized the growing

success of Co-op retailing, parricularly in the last three years, which has seen a 72 per cent increase in turnover which at the end of 1976 totalled

Commons vote threat to ship deals

building corporation, there are fears that some of these poten-

rial orders may be lost to

foreign competitors.

The controversial Bill for the

nationalization of the industry received Royal Assent last week

to cooperate with the Govern-ment once the Cabinet had

agreed to delete ship repair companies from the takeover

The Tories, however, have re-

affirmed their pledge to de-nationalize the industry if re-

turned to office. However, if the Government

The Central Electricity

single customer for coal in the

country, yesterday resumed .its

attack on the National Coal

A 15 per cent price increase from April 1 "does nothing to inspire confidence in coal's long-term potential as an econo-

mic fuel for producing elec-tricity", Mr G. A. W. Blackman,

director-general of the CEGB's

Mr Blackman, who is to be-come a full-time member of the

come a full-time member of the board on the day that coal goes up, said the NCB's problems were recognized and a modest price rise would have been justified. "But such a large increase was most discouraging after all our efforts to assist the coal industry over the past year and to keep down our own costs."

north eastern region, said. ,;

Board's pricing policies.

survives tonight's confidence dustrial relation rote, Mr Varley, the Secretary and corporate of State for Industry, is marketing (althous expected to announce the formation of British Shipbuilders two executives).

increase in coal prices

Power chief attacks 15 pc

Generating Board, the biggest high electricity costs by reduc-

smuggling

But Mr Perrow felt there was more to play for under a single federation controlled by a national board elected by the

Nairobi, March 22

The Coffee Board of Kenya said drastic action was being taken to control the traffic in smuggled Uganda coffee through Kenya to export markets retail societies.
Expertise would be pooled, corporate would be posted, corporate strategy could be set out more readily, and greater specialization in retailing techniques for the benefit of niques for the benefit of societies would be possible. There was also the hope of kets.

Thousands of tons of coffee have entered Kenya illegally in recent months, sometimes carried in canoes at night across increased retail development The new federation would be based on four regions with the Lake Victoria, sometimes by lorries over rough border aim of encouraging merging of retail societies to produce a hard core of 26, which would take at least 10 years. tracks, and sometimes in head loads. Mr E. N. Kuria, the board's

It would appoint a secretariat led by a chief executive officer chairman, today ordered all non-Kenyan coffee in the country to be declared and handed to the board for sale under its correct designation. to carry out the day-to-day operations largely conducted at the moment by the CWS.

part-time members of the board.

chairman-designate, Mr Ken Griffin, deputy chairman-desig-

nate and Mr Michael Casey,

acting chief executive of the organizing committee, will be confirmed as the principal executives of the new body.

Four, and possibly five other

tion might well besplit between

Customers had reacted to

a modest increase in sales in 1977/78 had been put at risk by the 15 per cent boost in coal

Coal had a general price advantage over oil for electricity generation, but the NCB had little room for manoeuvre and "if it is to stay ahead it must moderate its price increases", he said.

Oil consumption at power

stations had fallen from 23.5 million tonnes of coal equiva-

lent in 1972/73 to about 11

million tonnes in the current financial year. Over the sume period coal use had risen from 63 million to 70 million tonnes.

in the year now ending. The

board expected to use nearly 71 million comes in the coming

financial year, an all-time

Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin,

Any coffee not declared by March 31 will be subject to seizure. Mr Kuria expressed concern that the coffee authorities in next week, and possibly set a date for the vesting of the new state organization. Ministers and Whitehall officials are involved in the final selection of full and neighbouring countries had failed to control the movement and marketing of their crops. This had resulted in an influx

in Uganda

From Charles Harrison

was now a threat to Kenya's own producers.
The trade in smuggled
Uganda coffee has expanded along with the high world price. Sellers are auxious to avoid the strict currency controls in Uganda which give the Kenyan shilling a 500 per cent premium against the Ugandan.

of non-Kenyan coffee, which

full-time executives are expected to be appointed with responsibility for finance, industrial relations, operations and corporate planning and marketing (although this function of the state of the sta Scrap industry seeks export aid

Britain's scrap merchants have warned the Government of the disastrous consequences facing the industry unless it is given some measure of relief in the form of increased sales to

Overseas customers.

Through the British Scrap
Federation, it is pressing the
Government to allow it an open general licence to export to countries outside the EEC. Yesterday the Federation sent

tester day the Federation sent a telegram to Mr Leslie Huckfield, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Industry, outlining the difficulties being faced by companies.

It told the minister that it

was gravely concerned at the poor state of demand for steelmaking and other ferrous scrap through the United Kingdom.

Vickers win £20m tank order

A £20m export order for 40 tanks and recovery vehicles has been won by the defence systems division of the Vickers Engineering Group from an unnamed foreign buyer.

The company said yesterday that the customer had asked nor to be identified and it was unable to comment in any way on the desination of the tanks. The order, the first for the Mk III Vickers Main Battle Tank, would ensure continuity of employment at the division's Elswick works in Newcastle after the completion of an existing export order for re-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Self-delusion in claims on space and water heating by electricity?

From Mr Kenneth Brown Sir, The letter from Mr Brookes of the Economics Branch of the Atomic Energy Authority (March 17) demonstrates

exactly how academic casuistry has little bearing on the mis-fortunes of those who are comfortunes of those who are com-pelled to use electricity for space and water hearing. It may well be true that low-grade coal is used to produce high-grade BTUs, but at what cost to the unfortunate pen-sioner who is saddled with this, his only source of heat?

Elementary calorimetry and simple arithmetic show that Mr. year for hor water for a family of three (say 50p per week) will produce less than 300 gallons of water heated from 10°C to 43°C, the temparature of a hot bath. I base this on the actual cost I now have to pay for off-

peak electricity. If we allow for an occasional sinkful of washing-up water, a couple of basins full of water daily for personal washing and perhaps a couple of fills of a washing machine this leaves barely enough for one bath a week for three people. This may not be below the poverty line but at the next increase in price it certainly will be.
Four years ago, before the price of electricity rocketed, my total fuel bill for a six-roomed

exceed £250 pa. Now, in a three-roomed flat with only two in the family, complete with excellent thermal insulation and good double-glazing, using off-peak electricity for water-hear-ing and one nightstore heater going at half cock, my winter electricity bill is £80 for two months and about £60 in the summer. That is about £420 or £8 per week on average.

My neighbour, also two in the family, in an old house with no modern insulation or doubleglazing but with gas-fired water and central heating, pays for three months only two thirds of what I pay for two months.

The dread of my life is the electricity bill, a traumatic experience every two months.

For anybody, academic or not, to pretend that space and water heating by electricity is economic compared with gas is just self-delusion.

This may well be a grand excuse for putting up the price gas. It is just as valid as the suggestion to put up the price of margarine because the price of butter is so high. I am, Sir, Yours, etc., KENNETH BROWN, 30 Shore Street,

Simplifying the tax structure

From Mr B. A. Cole
Sir, Mr Copeman (March 7)
claims that a tax incentive for
profit-sharing by employes
shares would enable us to
simplify the tax structure. His
reasoning is:
it would increase the number
of shareholders.

of shareholders; shareholders understand what therefore our tax system would not need to be directed.

to "soaking the rich" and could be simplified. I find this logic unconvincing.
In practice, however, an even
greater weakness in the argument is that the issue of employee shares, in addition to the whole income currently paid to the employee, fosters mis-mderstanding of profits. It encourages people to believe: that they do not need to save to be shareholders; that profits can be shared by

employees, whereas in fact it is the added value which is

shared; that shareholders at present earn excessive returns on their nvestments. investments.

I suggest that all three beliefs are erroneous and pernicious. Furthermore, the role of profits is not widely misunderstood by.

employees, and the tax system could be simplified now if politicians were prepared to be more open in their government. B. A. COLE. "Drake Wood", Devoushire Avenue, Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

Translation into English of European patents

From Mr W. G. Barb give an adequate picture of the trolled by legal instruments Sir, Section 73, in conjunction with Section 112, of the Patents Bill proposes to yest the Secre-tary of State for Trade and Industry with powers to demand translations into English of European patents published in French or German, if such patents are to have the same effect as those to which the Bill provides for British patents.

However, such translations will not be mandatory unless and until the Minister uses these powers, and the European

restrictions which a patent imunnoticed, or at least attracted very little attention, that this will bring about a situation quite unprecedented in this country, namely: the freedom of action of individuals and companies in Great Britain will be restricted by what are essentially legal documents not fully Yours faithfully, available in an English version to the potential offenders or infringers.

Patent Convention only prowides for translations into freedom of action in some
English of the patent claims, other sphere, say road traffic,
which in themselves do not in this country was to be con-

only partially available in English there would have been uproar. Is it really logical that such a situation should, there-fore, be tolerated with regard to vast fields of industrial activity? Surely full translations of granted European patents into English should mandatory under the new Bill from the very start. W. G. BARB,

Spring Wood, Hedgerley Lane, Gerrards Cross.

Metrication and the proposed postal rate increases

From Mr Mark Elwes Sir, For those organizations increases, Surely this is an whose regular mailings weigh urgent reason for rejecting this between 50 and 60 grammes, of which there is a substantial number, the proposed increases

rates amount to some 46 per cent The purpose of lowering the weight step and imposing this enormous increase is metrication: And yet we are assured by both the Government and the Metrication Board that

in first and second class letter

ted as an excuse for price particular proposal. The present weight step of

60 grammes has caused no problems for either the direct mail: industry or, as far as we know, the Post Office; why alter it? Yours faithfully, MARK ELWES, Executive Director Direct Mail Producers Association. 34 Grand Avenue, London N10 3BP.

Indexed tax allowances

From Mr R. G. Koerting Sir, All personal tax allowances

should be indexed.

This indexing should be back-dated so as to reflect the full increase, in money terms, from the first date of indexing Civil ervice salaries and pensions. It should be made applicable from April, 1977 superseding the arbitrary and inadequate increases of tax allowances made in the meantime. Yours faithfully, R. G. KOERTING. 5 Somerville House.

Manor Fields London SW15 3LX

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will cover the cost difference. our own costs."

Assurance Company Limited

The directors announce that the Report and Accounts for 1976 have been despatched to shareholders and that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 18 April 1977 at 12 noon, in the Queen's Room, The Baltic Exchange, St. Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BU.

The audited results do not differ from the unaudited results which were published on 1 March 1977, a summary of which is set out below.

	1976	1975 Restated (See Note)	1975 Published
PREMIUM INCOME	£m 1,148.9	£m 1,063.8	£m 922.6
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAX	47.3	(15.8)	(10.2)
Taxation and minorities	(17.2)	10.4	. 6.7
PROFIT/(LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	30.1	(5.4)	(3.5)
Dividends	(21.4)	(21.4)	(21.4)
Transfer to/(from) reserves SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	8.7 £359m	(26.8)	(24.9) £282m

Note: Because of the significant fall in the

Insure with Commercial Union Assurance



EMPLOYERS

You should know about the ob Release Scheme for Assisted Areas.

The scheme is a temporary measure and is confined to workers in the Assisted Areas of Great Britain. You will find details of the Assisted Areas on the map and in the leaflet referred to below. Separate arrangements apply in Northern Ireland.

If any of your workers decide that the scheme will benefit them and apply for Job Release, they must have your agreement before they can give up their jobs. Taking part in the scheme is entirely voluntary

in both cases. On your part, if you agree to their leaving, you must recruit people from the unemployed register to replace them—though not necessarily for the same jobs.

The Job Release Scheme offers

men aged 64 and women aged 59 on or before 30 June the opportunity to stop work up to a year early and get £23 a week tax-free until their 65th or 60th birthdays respectively. While they are receiving this allowance they must undertake not to claim any benefit for unemployment or incapacity, or to engage in any paid employment or business on their own account where earnings exceed £4 a week. If your employees wish to be

> must apply by 30 June. Leaflets with full details of the Job Release Scheme are available from any Employment Office, Jobcentre or Unemployment Benefit Office. Just ask for copies of 'Job Release Scheme: Employed People'. Or

considered for Job Release, they

ring 01-214 6403 or 01-214 6497 for information.

patents

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Schlesinger throws in a spanner

Standard Trust and the British Rail Pension Funds were yesterday still at the stage of exchanging polite insults over the latter's bid for the former, which closes on Friday when Schlesinger's proposals for the unitisation of Standard arrived to disconcert both parties and set the sector buzzing.

Shareholders now have to decide whether proposals made at so late a stage of the proceedings can possibly be seriously intended; and whether, if so, they are sufficiently attractive to warrant risking British Rail's withdrawal.

Schlesinger now has 15 funds; worth some £70m, under management, so that the addition of Standard's funds would add a half again to the size of the group. That is, of course, assum-ing that a fair number of Standard's shareholders do not decide that an exit by way of unitisation is just as satisfac-tory as an exit by way of acqui-sition, vote in favour of the scheme and promptly liquidate their investment. In fact, Schesinger is assum-

ing no such thing, and has allowed for the liquidation of more than half the fund in formulating its proposals. Now there is no doubt that those proposals as they stand are more attractive than the bid which the British Rail Pension Funds have put in: they are on the same sort of formula basis, but as against the 138p-plus at which British Rail's formula values Standard's shares (on end-February figures), that of Schlesinger

would value them at 145p.
This reflects the fact that
Schlesinger is making smaller
allowances for the dollar premium surrender and capital gains tax liability, and the dis-

count is eliminated.
At this stage, however, such minutes are irrelevant, for the fact is that Schlesinger will not proceed with its offer unless it has the backing of Standard's board; and Standard's board is still considering the matter and will, on past form, be doing so for some time yet.

Shareholders, memwhile, have until Friday to consider the virtues of a bird in the hand (British Rail) as against a bird in the bush (Schlesinger); and I think they might reasonably decide to do-nothing. For even if the British Rail Funds do withdraw, the investment trust sector is not likely to be the same again.

A P Cement

Holding margins

Restrement of the last two years figures to take account of additional depreciation in oversees subsidiaries and asso-ciates, the exclusion of its profits and Rhodesian lower tax charge, caused some confusion in the interpretation of yesterday's full year results Associated Portland Cem*e*nt.

Yet adding back the £3m these changes cut out of profits chiefly on depreciation rather than Rhodesia whose profits were only I im or so last year the 15 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £45.4m was no better or worse than expected from the market leader in a sector that has felt the full draught of the fall in United Kingdom

Pilkington

Construction activity.

As it is, the latest figures demonstrate once again that the main thrust has come overseas, with United Kingdom trading profits down 7.2 per cent at 20.6m, and these would have been lower still but for the 31 per cent export gain. With steady price rises keeping home margins stable, the United Kingdom decline is roughly in line with the national drop in cement deliveries last year and despite its high share of the

yesterday when Lord Armstrong .

of Sanderstead, chairman of the Midland Bank, engaged in de-

bate with Paul Oestreicher,

vicar of the Church of the

Ascension, Blackheath. And the

suggestion was not Lord Arm-

The two met at St Mary le

Bow Cheapside, to debate—as a banker and a parson might-morality in the use of money.

Lord Armstrong said that, as in the case of his bank's loans to

South Africa, the primary re-sponsibility was to shareholders



Mr John Binny, chairman of AP Cement, which has used replacement cost accounting for

APC looks to have held its market share at around 62 per

The £3.9m jump in overseas-trading profits to £11m stems mainly from another good performance in South Africa and to a lesser extent New Zealand, while associate profits would have been may be £1m more if peso devaluation had not knocked earnings from Mexico.

APC :was being unusually elliptical yesterday about all these swings and roundebute. these swings and roundabouts in its figures, including the extent of currency gains which for a group with more than half its business outside the United Kingdom must be signi-

Current year prospects are likely to be overshadowed by the disastrous fall in cement deliveries in the final quarter last year. The bad weather has last year. The bad weather has seen to it that the trend has continued this year, wreaking havor to unit costs. Even so, cement prices rose 3 per cent in January and another rise into double figures is widely expected in May, although renegotiation of APC's favourable fuel contrart with the NCR

fuel contract with the NCB means that much of this benefit will go to its competitors.
And with export contracts
keeping Northfleet close to
capacity, the United Kingdom
could be ahead this year which with further momentum over-seas should mean profits growth of at least a tenth.

If the latest figures were poorly received yesterday—the shares closed 3p off at 185p—APC's card up its sleeve is that it has already tuned fitto replacement cost accounting while the stack levels will many its low stock levels will mean a small cost of sales adjustment under CCA. Historic accounting would lower the p/e ratio some three points from 8.1 while the yield is 7 per cent but in a generally dull sector there is no lure in ratings like

Capitalization, £150m (-) Sales. £360m (£280m) Pre-tax profits, £45.4m (£39.4m) Earnings per share, 22.8p

(18.3p) Dividend gross, 12.9p (11.7p) Barr and Stroud

sews it up

Both Barr and Strond and Pijkington PE, the precision corical equipment subsidiary of Pijkington Brothers, send 90 percent of their sales to the Ministry of Defence, so a refer-ence to the Monopoles Commis-

Barr and Stroud approached Pilkington. The logic does, indeed, look good; Pilkington PE is only in the business in a small way—it has 325 employ-ees compared with 1,500 at B-and S, while B and S has pos-sibly between a quarter and a third of the total UK sales, in markets where the other manufacturers are part of large inter-

Stroud's good performance last year it is the future potential, particularly in infra-red tech-nology, which excites Pilking-ton, a road down which it might have been difficult for B and S to travel on its own.

the largest of its kind in the country with a wide range of increasingly technologically elaborate devices, particularly for night fighting, and through an area in which there should be a largest market market.

lucrative export market.

To Pilkington the issue of im shares and £2.8m cash is peanuts but the benefits from Barr and Stroud's research could be substantial. The investment portfolio will be sold, but there

Ladbrokes Diversification the key

broke's rounist-genred casino operations and more than made up for the lack of headway in betting shop business as a result

to keep turnover up on blank racing days with a variety of speciality bets on grayhounds and soccer, Thus gambling proceeds still

contribute close on three-quarters of total profits despite diversification into property, hotels, holidays and more recently recessures and gray-

currently recovering smongly and further expansion planned on the casino front it is difficult to envisage this proportion declining over the next two

Following the successful 50 per cent letting of the massive per cent letting of the massive square de Meeus office com-plex in Brussels, which should at least cover the £2m pfus of annual development charges, the group plans to increase its number of investment and deal-ing developments, though at a

Meanwhile, holiday and hotel bookings should continue strongly as a result of sterling, though Ladbroke's selective

though Ladbroke's selective expansion policy in these fields may be a limiting fector.

Meanwhile, with the big four betting chains moving ever closer to market saguration—sithough Ladbroke claims its market share is still increasing—long-term investment in the characteristics. shares could depend in part on

what new diversifications route the group opts for. This looks particularly relevant since Tota nationalization murmurs.

More immediately there are some fears of Budget increases on betting tax and, perhaps, harsher treatment of casino gambling. At 102p after a 2p rise yesterday the shares look securely propped by a p/e ratio of just under 7 and a yield of 6.8 per cent given that profits could reach nearly £19m this year.

Final: 1976 (1975)

national concerns.
Notwithstanding Barr and

The combined group will be

Sterling's fall helped Lad-

of lest year's drought.
Gaming profits almost doubled to nearly £6m while resall bearing stood still st. around £5m as Ladbroke strove

hound track management.

And wish betting turnover

ing developments, though at a maditionally caudious rate.

what new diversifications route

sion, this time, would seem un-likely to prove a problem. Sales £319m (£269m) Neither is the £6m offer in any way a substitute for UK Opti-cal. (13.19)
The price looks high, but Dividend gross £97p (£34p)

stripping out the £2m worth of investments, the exit p/e ratio drops to 10, which is not out of this world, particularly as control has been gained pain-

-in contrast to our own 1972 Act—was designed for political not industrial purposes."
Michael Heselune, July 9, 1976
"The return of the next Conservative government will lift the fear of nationalization which is now extending right Margaret Thatcher, July 9, 1976

"The National Enterprise Board must be abolished, though we shall have to retain some sort of administrative mechanism for selling off NEB share-holdings where this is possible, and for administering those which cannot be sold off immediately.'

The Right Approach: A state-ment of Conservative Aims, October, 1976 the powers of the Scottish and Welsh Development Agencies to buy into profitable companies should be removed and as much as possible of the interests of British Shipbuilders and British Aerospace, if the Government does succeed in setting up these nationalized bodies, should be sold off to the private sector."

The Right Approach

Planning agreements "Government should withdraw from its current overbearing role in industrial matters. The

battery of weapons for inter-fering in industry introduced since 1974 must therefore be scrapped. We should repeal the 1975 Industry Act, getting rid of its disclosure provisions and The Right Approach

DoI

To the overwhelming majority of British companies and their of British companies and their trade unions, and the govern-workforce, the Department of ment. In this relationship we Industry is at best wholly shall seek a new and more posi-irrelevant and at worst an tive role for the NEDC... The

Of course there are ques-

tions about the accountability

of our financial institutions and

about their relationships with

governments that require to be considered . . . Yet many of today's most serious worries should be laid at the door of Socialism and not the Government It is certainly not the City

that is failing to produce invest-ment resources. The savings

are there in almost surprising

The theme of personal own-

servative policy to remedy the

damage done by capital transfer tax, capital gains tax and the lovestment lucome surcharge—

all three of which at present work to undermine personal

ownership and concentrate wealth in state hands".

"Implementation of the Labour Party (maximalisation) propos-

als, would create a financial concentration of power un-precedented in the history of

this country which must pro-

duce damage to the interests of

"Dividend control completely

Dividend control

Wealth

Banks

available . . . Labour politicians may delude themselves that dividend restraint effectively 'soaks the rich'. But that is not the way it works. For precisely because dividend control falls flatly on everybody receiving dividends, regardless of their tax position, the greatest hard-ship is suffered by those who pay little or no tax

Sir Geoffrey Howa, January 11, 1977.

abundance. But they are being mopped up by Government to meet its gross overspending." Sir Geoffrey Howe, September 24, 1976

self-employed archip is central to Conservative thinking and a direct challenge to the collectivist philosophy . . It will be Conpeople and get fewer benefits, are entitled to know whether they are getting a fair deal." Patrick Jenkin March 2, 1977

"It is our considered view that substantial changes are needed in government policy towards smaller-scale anterprise. When it comes to jobs, far the best prospect for new job opportunities is going to be at the smaller end of business and commerce. . . Parts of the Employment Protection Act are deeply hostile to small business needs.

> Sir Geoffrey Howe January 5, 1977

sympathetic reaction to its Lindsay and Master Clock-£240,000 investment in the makers only time will tell.

Paul Slater, former head of shipping finance at Grindlay Brandts, is Bermuda-bound, at any rate for about half his time over the next three years. This follows his decision to take on the presidency of Oceanic Finance Corporation, recently established in Bermuda.



Slater, still only 32, accepted an approach to run the new organization (authorized capiing beneath him, but prepared tal \$25m) on an initial three-gallantly to leap over it. Yes, he said: when it came to lend-to provide finance and finan-

ing to a tobacco company or a For the present, Slater is not revealing precisely who is behind the new company, job to ask questions. Of course, he said, he was not going to say whether the bank should or beyond saying that the principal subscribers are Canadian. But somebody—presumably Further details will be revealed the bank—must, and if banks in a few weeks time.

cided that the Oceanic offer office in Bermuda and its Loo-don office, with a fair amount of globe trotting thrown in.

propitious moment to launch a ship finance venture. Not a bit of it, Slater said.

Are advertising posters for drink becoming sillier or is it just that Business Diary is growing more curmudgeonly? Take, for example, one poster for a spirit which says "Nobody says 'Hello, sailor' to a such-and-such drinker". If this was

the advertisement for another spirit which declares "Life could be smoother with so-andso". Surely this means not only what the advertiser would wish it to mean, that is that life is more pleasant with the drink, but also the opposite, that, even with the drink, life would leave

clockmakers Thwaites and Reed. A firm whose name goes back to the 1740s can hardly help but be colourful and the conthe bad publicity that has been the board's only reward for its "investment" in British Ley-

Yesterday, however, NEB officials were asked to ponder more recent episodes in the Thwaites and Reed story. It all began with a telegram to the NEB chairman, Lord Ryder, uerying whether the investment was in T & R as it now is or in an earlier incarnation. The telegram was from A. J.

of the knowhow of the former recommended." It's signed Thwaites and Reed. Until 1974 the chairman and managing director of the com-pany then known as Thwaites and Reed was Lord Tanlaw, former chairman of Inchcape &

Clockmakers. " rearrange-There were "rearrange-ments" and in May, 1974, Thwaites and Reed was recreated by Geoffrey Buggins. He negotiated for the former T & R patents, goodwill and knowhow with Lord Tenlaw. Buggins is now T & R's chairman and managing director and it is he and it that the NEB is backing. Officials of the

Whether that includes a High Court action involving Ker- lid of the jar after use.

immigration officials are in for International executive Peter

For years they, particularly the girls, have read the name "P. Newman" and looked up hoping they were dealing with the slim blue-eyed film actor Paul Newman. What they see, however, is the plump greengrey-eyed Peter Newman. In future, however, Peter will hand over his airline ticket

real Paul Newman ". The two Newmans got to genher in London recently when Paul, who races a Triumph TR6 in the United States, wanted to meet someone from the manufacturers. He rang Peter at

"Hi there", he began. "I guess that's the other P. Newman". For privacy's sake they met in an underground car park and drove out to Heston service area on the M4 for a chat about Leyland's racing plans—and to dream up

We rather liked the headline on

an announcement from the

and among representative organizations to evaluate Opposition statements, pledges, and speeches as a guide to the policy of Conservative administration. Business News staff have prepared their own preliminary guide to Conservative policy.

believe that subsidies which

support overmanning are bad

"Ownership by the state is not

ownership by the people. It is ownership by the state bureauc-

racy and no amount of high

flown theories can disguise the fact." Michael Heseltine, July 9, 1976.

"Receivership is the technique

by which resources in business which fail to satisfy the con-

sumer are redeployed where they can be used more profitably.

Sir Keith Joseph, October 6,

"The financial privileges of the British National Oil Corpora-

tion should be removed so that

it is required to conform from.

the first to normal commercial disciplines and, where appro-

priate, to dispose of its assets to willing buyers at reasonable

for the country as a whole."

Corporate rescues

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What do the Tories stand for?

Michael Heseltine, September 11, 1974.

February 9, 1977.

ceaseless preoccupation

"A more open approach to

e-movie management has to be developed, with open budgeting. This would be a farcry from the latest private bilateral talks with the TUC.

The undue influence of one in-terest group needs to be chal-

lenged. An extended NEDC might form the best basis for such a change."

"Our governments have used and will use the Neddy organiz-

ation as part of a genuine partnership with both sides of industry."

ignored its advice time and time again. We will therefore charge

Michael Heseltine, October 7,

Sir Geoffrey Howe, May 12, 1976.

The continued uncertainty surrounding the future of the Government has precipitated a scramble within the City, industry

Industry, energy, prices

"We have repeated consistently instrument to slow down change object will not be to impose our view that the 1975 industry and impede innovation, to con-Act must be repealed. This Acr sume by subsidy rather than plans or targets but to make sume by subsidy rather than firms and industries aware of invest in capital creation."
Michael Heseltine, July 9, 1976
"British industry is now on the national objectives on the one hand and government aware of the real problems of industry on the other." receiving end of nearly 34 million forms a year. Is all this form filling necessary?

I doubt it, and we shall see whether we can consign at least some of these forms to the wastepaper basker." Margaret Thatcher, July 9, 1976 with tripartite strategy for in-dustrial recaissance does not connect with the real world." David Howell.

Nationalized industries "The unsatisfactory political framework of the nationalized industries is a prime cause of their inadequate political and economic performance and a source of continuing despair to all who work in them. We shall set targets so that people know what is expected of them in meeting those targets. We shall, in appropriate cases, introduce private capital and, particularly if the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Bill should reach the statute book, we shall sell companies back to willing buyers."

Michael Heseltine,
October 7, 1976.

September 11, 1974.

Regional policy "We intend to carry on with the regional policies we pur-sued in office.... In this policy area especially, continuity of policy is absolutely essential. We pledge to offer to industry that continuity of assistance (Industry Act 1972) in order to achieve a real breakthrough in solving the difficult long-term problems of the regions." Michael Heseltine,

NEDC "The next Conservative govern-ment's industrial policy will seek a parmership based on between management

"It is true that very large lame ducks present difficult dilemmas such as British Leyland. I do not say that all the faults are on labour's side. I do not

The City, wealth, small businesses

Small businesses "The next Conservative Government will hold an open investigation into the relative con-National Insurance Scheme. The salf-employed, who pay higher contributions than employed

David Howell

Sir Geoffrey Howe, November 15, 1976 We must give real urgency to the production of measures that will encourage the selfemployed and the smaller businesses in our community.

Michael Heseltine, October 7, 1976. . The Right Approach We are determined to keep political interference in check; "We set up the IDA Board to advise ministers on aid to industry. Labour ministers have

Energy

and in particular not to expose the oil companies to unfair state and subsidized compe-John Biffin, May 14, 1976.

those experienced and inde-pendent men with advising Parliament as well, so that the "A relationship should be established with the major nationalized (energy) corpora-tions based on commercial fudged decisions behind closed doors will be replaced by genuine ministerial accounta-bility." pricing and the maximum of manageable, independence. The Right Approach

> "I can conceive of a situation, still some years away, when nuclear power might just offer the only means of . . filling the gap between the power that we can produce from our remaining fossil fuels (primarily

guard the rights of an indivi-dual whose livelihood is en-dangered by arbitrary exclusion or expulsion from a trade union." The Right Approach

terim year-which can help re-

have full information. But I do coal) and our total energy

Tom King, February 18, 1977

"We want to see price controls relaxed so that they become effectively a reserve power and industry allowed maximum price freedom coupled with maximum exposure to competition."
Margaret Thatcher, July 9, 1976

"Rigid price control discourages the provision of goods and services because it diminishes or wipes out profit margins. It increases the demand for those goods and services subject to the controls because it enforces artificially low price levels."

Margaret Thatcher,
March 9, 1977

"The present price controls (which were not designed to last for ever) are doing more and more damage to business and industry. They have prevented investment, destroyed jobs and limited consumer choice. Further substantial relaxations of the price code are urgently required. There must also be a relaxation of

dividend controls to help com-panies obtain funds for invest-ment and job creation."

The Right Approach It is not a overtion purely of industry's ability to finance it-self but of confidence and future profitability, which will determine future levels of investment."

Mrs Sally Oppenheim

"The present system of price control has been positively damaging to industry and enployment. However, although the aim should be to dismanile the system, it could not be done immediately because it is important for the consumer to recognize that there is sumcone in government or authority who can protect him."

Sir Geoffrey Howe, July, 1976

Labour, pay

Motor industry

"It is wrong that people who have given years of service can not only lose their jobs because they will not join-or are not accepted by-a union, but also receive no compensation.

If satisfactory voluntary arrangements are not worked Pay policy "We must all hope that agreement can be reached on another out to take proper account of objections based upon conscience or deeply held personal conviction and length of past service, it will be the duty of government to ensure that year of pay restraint—an induce our rate of inflation and so improve our competitiveness and job prospects."

government to ensure that effective provision is made. "Additionally there must be an independent tribunal to safe-

"Monetary restraint, including the setting of targets for monetary expansion, is a key feature economic policy, though by no means the only one. Excessive wage claims should clearly not be accommodated by an easy expansion of bank lending.

Personal taxation security systems certainly needs simplification. So the case for

tax rates on investment income. together the inescapable choice Our target should be the Euro-

"The West Garmans, for example, without any elaborate machinery, establish each year a generally agreed basis for responsible wage bargaining.

. . However difficult it may be, we need to develop a comparable approach with existing British institutions. Our purpose must be to exclude the peed for any further resort to a formal incomes policy."

The Right Approach

The economy, taxation

easy expansion of bank lending. In the public sector this must be supplemented by the use of cash limits. Every organization including those in the public sector should be put in the position in which workers and management are obliged to face

between realistic pay levels and pean maximum of 75 per cent.

James Prior March 16, 1977

ings and a doubtful future."

The Right Approach "The octopus of tax and social

some kind of tax credit scheme is overwhelming. . . Capital transfer tax is doing grave damage. It will have to be replaced. The next Conserva-

job security or excessive earn. To raise the investment income To raise the investment results for surcharge to £40 a week for pensioners alone would cost limbs more than £100m. The next Conservative government

will cut the top rate of tax on earned income. A good target would be 60 per cent."

Sir Geoffrey Howe May 18, 1976

VAT "We shall end

"We shall end . . multirestore the simple rate of 10 per cent." Sir Geoffrey Howe

Tioxide

1976 trading profits doubled at £23 million

		1976 £m	1975 £m
Turnover:	UK	36.1	26.3
	Overseas	96.1	66.7
	Total	132.2	93.0
Trading Pr	offit	23.4	11.5
Profit before	re Tax	19.8	9.3
Attributab	le to shareholders	9.2	4.7
Return on Sharehold	Ordinary ers' funds	20.9%	11.9%

All companies in the Group produced improved turnover and profits: exports from the UK recovered both in volume and margin.

New capacity came into use in Spain and a major extension has been authorised in the UK at Greatham."

CHAIRMAN

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Banks, he said, were equipped to judge creditworthiness; let the rest be "left to the Re-cording Angel." Oestreicher said that financial institutions "for good or bad" had as much power as govern-mems already. Could they not exercise more by developing departments to make "moral

> Ah, said Lord Armstrong, laying his trap: if banks were to make these moral judgments in foreign dealings should they not also apply them to lending. at home? Oestreicher saw the pit open

judgments of a commercial

should not lend in such an in-

A disturbing extension of cor-porate power was suggested says they are, then surely that vesterday when I and Armstrong is powerful enough for most

Goodbye, sailor



Oceanic Finance Corporation's such-and-such". Then there's Paul Slater.

cial services to the international bingo player, it was the bank's shipping industry.

After five years building up the shipping finance division at was too good to turn down and he sees himself dividing his time between the organization's head

Business Diary: Moneychanger in the temple • Bermuda Triangle

With the shipbuilding industry in the doldrums and gloomy forecasts of worse to come, with the tanker market in disarray and fears of growing protec-tionism in the shipping world becoming more acute, it was, we suggested, hardly the most

ever true, it isn't any longer. These advertisements are now being obscured by a protest sticker which reads "I'm homosexual and I always drink

Clockwatching The National Enterprise Board was suitably pleased by the

much to be desired.

Ker-Lindszy. One of his former companies, Leighshire Enterprises, was among those involved in disputes over the use

Co. In that year Lord Taplaw played a part in the rise of an associated company, Master

For Pete's sake Airline check-in staffs and a surprise next time they deal with much travelled Leyland

and passport together with a note. It reads: "No, this is not Paul Newman. It's Peter Newman. But he comes highly

NEB, however, seem aware of which said: "Historical busisome of the intricacies of the ness records preserved by clockmakers' movements in the British Vinegars Ltd." They should keep for ever, provided research students replace the

Plea for flexible cargo sharing pact between major trading nations

Calls for cooperative discussions on a flexible cargo shoring agreement between the EEC and other major trading nations were made in London yesterday by Mr Alexander Marshall, managing director of Peninsular & Orient Steam Navigation.

Against the background Russian fleet expansion, their cut price freight policies and the debate in the United States over the reservation of oil imports to American flag ships, Mr Marshall said that there was confusion and uncertainty among the developing nations Cooperation and Development.

the members of the disation for Economic "There is a growing threat of confrontation implicit in the United States and Soviet policies. We know from experience,

instability flowing from the uneconomic use of resources", Worldwide, he said, there were now 30 nations applying cargo preference schemes; and with the current discussions.

and with the current discussions in America over cargo preference on oil imports, it was sad that the United States, which had detlared long range goals of free, unrestricted trade and which had contributed so much to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, should be led astray by dubious arguments in the marine field.

Marshall conceded that Mr Marshall conceded that there was a case for protection of infant shipping industries on a remporary basis, but such protection would only make economic sense if it was known that the industries would ultimately appropriate the conduction of the control o that the industries would ultimately survive in a free

competitive market.
Outlining the British view to
a two-day conference in London organized by the monthly maritime journal, Seatrade, he said that any international agreement on cargo preference should be flexible.

Eritain was working with its EEC partners to reach a common position. If a joint understanding and commitment within the Community could be reached this mounty could be reached, this would provide a powerful impetus for cooperative discussions with trading partners across the world, and would lead to a system which would satisfy the needs of the developing and the developed. "International trade is vitally important to us all. The threats to the public interest from divisive elements should encourage



us to recognize our common objectives", he added. Mr Alexander Marshall: world

EMI extends Toshiba X-ray scanners deal

By Kenneth Owen Technology Correspondent

In the face of increasing competition in brain and body. X-ray scanners from Hitachi in Japan, EMI is extending its agreeement with Toshiba to include some local manufacture. in addition to assembly and distribution.

Since the end of 1974 Tosh-iba has acted as distributor for the EMI scanners in Japan. Brain scanners and body scanners have been shipped partly in knocked down form for final assembly and testing in

Japan.
An EMI spokesman in Tokyo suid yesterday that local production by Toshiba, using its own manufacturing facilities but EMI technology, would c designed to meet the lemand from Japanese hospius for non-standard equip-

Local production would suplement and not replace im-lorts of machines from critain; and should help EMI o meet the competition (including the ability to meet ocal requirements) from Hits-

Turnover

Trading Profits:

Overseas

Investment Income

Profit before Taxation

Profit after Taxation

Finance Charges

Taxation

15 April 1977.

H. W. R. Ham

Share of Profits of Associates

Interest of Minority Shareholders

Group share of profit after taxation

Earnings per £1 Ordinary Stock Unit

The Board propose to recommend a final dividend of 5.7744 pence per £1 Ordinary stock Unit of the Company (1975 5.254p) in respect of the year ended 31 December, 1976, which, together with the interim dividend of 2.59 pence (1975 2.35p), makes a total dividend for the year of 8.3644 pence,

being the maximum permitted under current Counter Inflation Legislation.

Group share of profit after tax amounts to £18.4m compared to £14.8m for the previous year, an increase of 24.3%. The tax charge for the year has, however, been reduced by £1.5m in respect of prior years and after adjusting for this the increase in profit would be 14.2%. This year additional depreciation to take account of inflation has been included in respect of subsidiaries.

subsidiaries and principal associates and the results of a Rhodesian

subsidiary have been excluded in view of the political situation in that country. The 1975 figures have been re-stated on a similar basis for the purposes of comparison. The Group depreciation charge, including additional depreciation, amounts to £24.3m (1975 £20.8m).

Due to the reduction in home cement demand and increasing costs, the trading profits from UK operations have fallen by 7.2%. This figure would have been greater, but for our success in increasing exports by 30.8% as compared with the previous year. The already inadequate return on assets

In contrast, operations from overseas showed continued growth nor-withstanding the loss arising from the devaluation of the Mexican peso and resulting trading conditions in that country.

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The Associated Portland Cement

Manufacturers Limited

The Annual Report and Accounts will be despatched to stockholders on 12 April 1977 and the Annual General Meeting will be held on 5 May 1977. The proposed Final Ordinary Dividend, if approved, will be paid on 16 May 1977 to stockholders on the register at the close of business on

£4.7m Overseas Tax, £5.9m Associates and £0.3m Equalisation.

employed in U.K. cement operations has fallen still further.

The charge for taxation for 1976 consists of £11.7m Corporation Tax,

Dividends paid and proposed

UK

had sold 80 scanners in Japan (53 brain scanners and 27 body machines), and had a 56 per cent share of the market there in terms of installed machines. He confirmed that Hitachi represented the most serious competiton. Hitachi brain scan-

ners were selling for about 100m yen each (about £208,000), he believed, compared with 135m yen for the EMI scanner. The Japanese company has not yet entered the market with a body-scanning machine.

In London an EMI spokes man confirmed that by the extended agreement with Toshiba the company was "step-ping-up the whole attack on the Japanese market ".

Extension of the Toshiba agreement is due to take effect from the end of this month. Last week a £2,500,000 order for 10 EMI brain scanners for a group of Spanish hospitals was announced, bringing the company's scanner sales world-wide to more than 730, worth more than £150m. Of these, more than 500 have been installed in over 30 countries.

BLUE GIRCLE GROUP

The Board of Directors of The Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers Limited announce the following results for the Group for the year

1976, subject to completion of audit, with re-stated comparative figures for.

Bonn set for £4,000m spending programme

From Peter Norman Bonn, March 22

A special ministerial meeting in Bonn this afternoon cleared the way for swift West German cabinet approval of a DM16,000m (nearly £4,000m) medium-term public investment programme and legislative measures adjusting tax rates from

the beginning of next year. The so-called "economic cabinet" met under Dr Hans Friderichs the economics mini-ster, and Dr Hans Apel, the finance minister, to prepare tomorrow's full cabinet session which is also to discuss revising the Government's energy pro-

gramme. Government sources said after the meeting that the investment programme and the tax measures should be approved without any difficulty tomorrow, but there is still uncertainty whether a final decision can be reached on the

energy programme. The investment programme is intended to channel a total of DM13,700m from the federal, state and municipal authorities into projects to improve West Germany's economy over the

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22 March 1977

next four years, with the remaining funds coming from the private utility companies. Although the emphasis of the programme is on improving the basis for longer term economic growth, it will give a boost to employment—particularly in the building industry—during the period of its execution.

Dr Apel recently said that orders worth DM3,400m would be placed this year to be followed by an order volume of around DM4,500m in 1978, helping to add between 0.5 per cent and 1 per cent to projected gap growth in these two years.

The tax package, which foun-dered in the Cabinet last week on a dispute over details be-tween Dr Apel and Dr Friderichs, is new expected to be approved without difficulty. In its main points—which were agreed on by the two ministers—it will raise value-added tax to 13 per cent from 11 per cent at the beginning of next year and distribute about half the additional government revenue of between DM10,500m and DM12,000m a year in tax relief to businesses and selected groups of individuals.

Business appointments

Changes on **Imperial** Group board

Mr P. M. Davies, group secretary, has joined the board of imperial Group. Mr J. McKinnon becomes finance director after the retirement of Mr W. G. McPhie. Mr A. M. Reid is to be commercial director of Imperial Tobacco from July 1 and is to be succeeded as assistant managing director of John Player and Sons by Mr K. G. Robertson.

Mr Alexander Hodge has succeeded Mr Thomas Risk as chairman of Standard Life Assurance.

Mr Risk remains a director. Mr

Mr Risk remains a director. Mr Desmond Misselbrook has been made deputy chairman. Mr Ian Pitman has retired from the board.
Mr Brian Shaw, managing director and chief executive of the Furness Withy Group, has joined the board of Grindlays Bank. Mr Furness Withy Group, has joined the board of Grindlays Bank. Mr E. O. L. Vaughan, a deputy chief general manager and a director of Lloyds Bank, has become a director of Grindlays Holdings.

Mr Leonard Goscher became deputy Charman of the South Eastern Electricity Board on March 14. He succeeded Mr John Wedgwood who was made chairman last mooth. Mr Duncar McGrouther, secetary of the South of Scotland Electricity Board, is to succeed Mr S. F. C. Whitmore as deputy chairman of the South Western Electricity Board on April 1.



Mr Allen Russell has left Ford Motor Co to join Leyland Truck and Bus as marketing director.

Mr J. Clapton has been made deputy chairman and Mr A. D. C. Davis managing director of F. J. Wallis. Mr G. Frampton Joins the board.

Mr G. E. Willett, aviation underwriter of Orion Insurance, has been elected chairman of the Aviation Insurance Offices' Association.

Mr W. H. Patton, group development executive of Daniel Doocaster & Sons, is the new president of the National Association of Drop Forgers and Stamp

ers.

Mr C. J. B. Whitehead, Mr A. C. Doulton, Mr J. Shelbourn, Mr C. N. Bedford, Mr M. O'B. Bird, Mr T. P. Read, and Mr J. R. Wake are to join the partnership of W. L. Carr, Sons on April 12. Mr R. A. Warren is registing.

April 12. Mr R. A. Warren is retiring.

Mr D. E. Coleridge has been made chairman of a new company, A. L. Sturge (Syndicates) Management). The other directors are Mr H. R. Rokeby-Johnson, Mr J. H. Maughan; Mr B. E. Beagley, Mr J. H. Carter, Mr L. A. Hudson, Mr P. M. Johnson, Mr D. R. Kirsch, Mr A. G. Lee, Mr C. G. Mabey, Mr C. W. Spreckley and Mr C. M. Yellop.

Mr K. Rawlinson has become director and general manager of director and general manager of

Dart Oil.

Dr J. H. Fryer, deputy managing director and marketing director and marketing director of CIBA Laboratories, is to become managing director of the pharmaceuticals division of CIBA-Geigy (ADP).

Mr Nicholas Shaw is now vice-president of Citibank, Ná.

Mr Alan Saunders and Mr. David Walker have become directors of Rogg Robinson. Mr Geoff-rey Marshall joins the boards of Hogg Robinson (Life & Pensions) and Hogg Robinson (Pensions Management).

Mr M. L. Pearce is appointed

Mr M. L. Pearce is appointed managing director of Gerrard & National (Fund Management)

Patent news

Japanese method of cutting steel using water

Approaching one in ten new inventions patented in this country now originates from Japan, thereby laying the old ghost that the Orient is content to plagiarize ideas from the West.

Massushita Electric Industrial Company of Osaka, Japan (currently with 50,000 live patents round the world) claims in new British patent 1 457 438 to have discovered an assument to cut heavy metal. It easy way to cut heavy metal. It is already known to cut a swathe through metal, by superheating a strip with an electric arc and blowing the molten metal away with an air jet.

This, however, produces smoke and other pollution of the surrounding atmosphere. The Japanese claim as a rather surprising answer the tech-nique of blasting a jet of water, rather than air, at the strip to be cut.

In practice, tapwater is mixed with compressed air, and the turbulent mixture fed along a hose to what resembles a conventional arc welding tool. Hand-operated valves through metal sheet simply by sweeping the double-action tool across its surface.

Radiation health aid

Various schemes have been proposed for sterilizing goods such as surgical equipment after they have been packaged. Lasers and X-rays, for instance, have been tried. Now Sulzer Brothers, of Switzer-land, in BP1 457 996, claim success with gamma-radiation as emitted from radioactive

materials. Although radiation-sterili-sation is not in itself new, Sulzer propose an answer to Sulzer propose an auswer to one major problem encoun-tered so far. This is that when you bombard anything with gamma-rays they are absorbed and converted into heat, so that the object gets very hot and either destroys itself or its

packaging or both. Sulzer have devised a fully Sulzer have devised a fully automatic honeycomb of tubes, some containing radioactive rods and others guiding air or water blasts to serve as a super-efficient cooling system. In this way, it is claimed, it is possible to keep the temperature of whatever is being sterilized low, while killing germs trapped inside the sealed package.

Adrian Hope

Buy British appeal by shirtmakers

By Our Industrial

Correspondent
Consumers were urged yesterday to support Britain's shirt industry instead of buying garments imported from low cost producers in the Far

Mr Garth Smith, chairman of the Shirt Manufacturers' Federation, made the call a day after the Government introduced tough controls on im-ports of shirts from India. He told the organization's annual meeting that "one man's bar-gain was another man's job". Mr Smith said that the average British male bought four shirts each year. If he listened to his conscience, he continued, and ensured that two of these were Britishmade, the extra cost would be

three pence a week.

"Is that too high a price to pay to keep a British industry alive and save many thousands of jobs. Cheap imports are wrecking the British shirt industry and causing acute un-

"In the last few years more than 7,000 people have lost their jobs as a result. Already 72 per cent of all shirts sold in Britain come from low-wage countries and 56 per cent of all imported shirts come from Hongkong, where conditions of employment are deplorable , he said.

OECD calls on Swiss to do more about stimulating economy

Bonn, March 22

Swirzerland, which last year was alone among the indus-trialized countries in bringing inflation to a standstill, is now being urged by the Organiza-tion for Economic Cooperation and Development to do more to stimulate its domestic

economy.

For while the Swiss have stopped price rises and, thanks to the repatriation of foreign workers, have experienced no serious unemployment problem, their economy is likely to grow this year only a little after two years of deep recession.

The OECD's annual report on

the Swiss economy sees little chance of last year's slight strengthening of economic activity developing into a sustained recovery in 1977. The expected slowdown in world trade and structural problems in the Swiss economy mean gross national product is likely to rise in real terms by only 0.5 per cent this year after falling 7.6 per cent in 1975 and

0.1 per cent last year. At the same time, Switzer-land's current account balance of payments surplus, which last year amounted to 9,080 million francs (about £2,100m) or a substantial 6 per cent of GNP, could continue to grow to show a surplus of close to 9,500

of Switzerland's high current account balance of payments surplus forcing the already strong Swiss franc even higher on foreign exchange markets and making Swiss products in-creasingly uncompetitive at home and on world markets.

It would like to see Switzerland boost its economy and bring the current account surplus down as a contribution to world efforts designed to even out divergences in the balance of payments performances of individual nations.

The OECD, therefore, says that Swiss demand management policy should remain expansion-ary, that a liberal stance in monetary policy should be maintained and that the country's public finance policy should public finance policy should continue to support economic activity. Specifically, it suggests that Switzerland should not be afraid to enlarge its public sector deficit or allow an increase in private demand.

Looking farther ahead, the OECD would like to see a reform of the Swiss tax system to ensure that tax receipts keen to ensure that tax receipts keep in line with the growth of national income and federal expenditure. The organization favours the proposed introduc-tion of value-added tax, which is due to be put to a popular vote this summer and is scheduled for introduction at

Industrial trade within the EEC

edging up

Brussels, March 22.—Underlying trade in industrial production within the European duction within the European Community continues to inchupwards, but industry still has available a substantial margin of unused capacity, the EEC Commission says.

In its latest graphs and notes on the economic situation in the Community, the Commission said that despite the somewhat more favourable production

more favourable production expectations revealed by business surveys in early 1977, actual orders in hand are at a

Until now expansion of industrial output in the Com-munity as a whole had been underpinned mainly by demand for consumer durables, but recently business investment had shown some improvement in a number of countries, notably West Germany, The Netherlands and Britain. This helped to sustain production of intermedi-

ate goods.

The labour market was expanding while the number of persons working was not show. ing any significant rise. Divergent inflationary trends remained as severe in early

1977 as before. Food prices and public charges moved up appreciably, as did prices for certain imports.

The increase in consumer prices averaged an annual rate of 14 per cent in January, up from 11.5 per cent in December

Unctad hopes for commodity fund

From Alan McGregor

million france.

Geneva, March 22 Guarded optimism is clearly evident at the Unctad negotiating conference on a common fund-keystone of the proposed integrated programme for 18 main commod-ities—now over the halfway mark in its scheduled four-

week session. week session.

The optimism is mainly among Third World delegates and in the Unctad secretarist and is attributable largely to the "new" American stitude.
Abandoning reticence associated with its predecessor, the

Carter Administration has said it has no prior objection to a common fund for individually-agreed buffer stocks.

changed American position as bound to prod the West Gerhitherto primarily mans, responsible for the Community dragging its feet.

But, though both the United States and the EEC are now committed to specific negotiations, there is no anticipation of this conference, even if extended for a few days, producing the agreed blueprint for the fund, as was envisaged at last year's Uncted four con-ference in Nairobi.

If some basic lines at least are drawn, the developing nations will feel the concept is at long last moving forward. Their aim then would prob-

The Group of 77 see the ably be to finish the job at a same of American position as further conference here in September so that the whole package could be put to the next General Assembly next General Assembly—assuming no unexpected political developments in Community countries in the mean-

·zime. If this seems unrealistically rapid to many Western dele-gates, they do acknowledge, however, that government thinking has evolved since Nairobi, even if not yet manifested in policy statements.

The Unctad estimate is that stocks for the initial 16 core commodities, including cocoa, coffee and tea, would cost about \$5,000m (about £2,941m) in the period 1979.84.

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In addition, the disruption

" bear " closing with the longerfirmer showing from other food shares with Sainsbury up 4p to 159p, Associated Dairies 4p to 266p, Bejam 2p to 103p and present political uncertainty is resolved one way or the other.

2000, Began 2p to recent figures, still helped by recent figures, and Booker McConnell, which put on 5p to 143p ahead of a by 2 pm, but as the interest statement. With fears receding that com

Equities bounce back, but trade is thin

pensation terms might be de-layed, shipbuilding shares made a firm showing with Robb Caledon better by 5p to 75p, Hawthorn Leslie 5p to 55p and Swan Hunter 3p to 85p, In a firm snipping sector, Turoball Scott "A" rose another 10p to rose another 10p to 305p in a thin market, European Ferries were active at 681p and Manchester Liners held firm at

week.

Among the leaders, Unilever straint included James Finlay, were rises of 8p from Fisons better by 8p to 202p, Gill & at 357p, Beecham 443p, Glavo at 488p and ICI at 357p. Addi-

Shares recovered a good part of Monday's hefty losses even though many prices were well by BAT subsidiary, International firmed 6p for a close 162p.

Dealers said the main impertus for the advance came from the parent was imminent.

The Wallis bid prompted a figures.

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The Wallis bid prompted a figures amove tionally helped by the chair man's remarks, Turner & Newall firmed 6p for a close 162p.

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Gus "A" advancing 6p to 266p best rises came from the overseas banks with NSW Bank figures.

The Wallis bid prompted a figures. irmed 6p for a close 162p.
In stores, tax-cut hopes were again the main imperus with Gus "A" advancing 6p to 266p and Eritish Home Stores up 5p to 184p. Ahead of figures, BICC advanced 6p to 112p in electricals where Rank pur on 4p to 112p, but Decca "A" slinned 3p to 283p.

slipped 3p to 283p. In the building sector, profits rather below expectations and a downturn in United Kingdom operations did nothing for AP Cement which slipped 3p to

Cement winch slipped 3p to 185p.
Concern over corruption allegations against two subsidiaries left Bryant Holdings 2p lover at 18p. Wm. Press rose 3p to 53p on more bid talk.

The higher tea price continued to benefit the related slaves with Deundi no 3p to shares with Deundi up 3p to 40p, Moran 10p to 235p. Warren

Latest dividends

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Bodd'gtons' Brews (25p) Fin	3.4	0.73	16, 5	0.34		
		0.7.5	40.0	3.5	1.88	
Bury & Masco (174p) Flor	1.04	0.95+	12/3	1.41	1.28÷	
Mary of Proper (1/4h) Lift	2.29	2.6	= .	4.24	3.85	
City & Int Trust (25p) Int	1.3	1.13	25/4	grown .	3.3	
CSC Investment (25p) Fin	2.13	1.73	10/5	3.75	3.2	
Hali Bros Steam (£1) Fin	3.61	3.61	po-n	5.36	5.36	
Home Count News (25p) Fin	2.75	2.23	9.5	3.5	3.6	
John L Jacobs (20p) Fin	1.2	1.05	9/5 18/5	1.65	1.5	
Ladbroke Group (10n) Fin	2.5	2.27		1.52		
Malayan Tin (25p) Int	1	4	13 '5		4.11	
Mont Boston Inv (10p) Fin	7.0-7		12.3		11	
Mariana and Control of the Control o	0.37	0.87	9.3	0.87	0.87	
Ricardo, Engineers (25p) Int	2.37	1.87	22,4	_	5.85	
Riverview Rubber (\$1) Int	5 *	441	27/4		16±	
Scots Ntim Inv (25p) Fin	1.98	1.5		2.8	2.31	
Sharna Ware (20p) Fin	1.17	1.95	-	2.14	1.95+	
S Malayan Tin (25p) Int	4	4	13/3		11.79	
Tomatin Distillers (25p) Riv	1:27	1.62	28 4	2.63	E.43	•
Trafford Park (25p) Int	1 54	1.4			200	
Watmoughs (25p) Fin	2.15		20/5		3.25	
Wale Cross (72s) The		1.96	_	2.95	2.68	
Welr Group (23p) Fin	3.19	2.9		4.73	4.3	
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Another to receive terms was

F. J. Wallis, a long-standing Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * As forecast. † Adjusted for scrip. ‡ Cents per share.

gaining 15p to 420p, ANZ Group 5p to 285p and Australia Com-merce Bank 5p to 240p.

Among composite insurances. Royal were up 4p to 330p after the previous day's heavy fall, while the best of the brokers was Sedgwick Forbes with a rise of 6p to 286p.

Smith and Nophew, the elasto plast-to-cosmetics group, should create a pleasant surprise with its full-year figures, which are due tomorrow. Analysts have been going for around £12.75m against £11.8m in 1975, but there are growing hopes of something better and £13.1m now looks the more likely

In oils BP continued to lose ground and were 6p lower at 830p, but Shell managed a modest 2p gain to finish at 500p.

in the mining sector, gold shares fell with the bullion but two features were to be found in Pacific Copper up 3p to 46p after coment and Globe & Phoenix better by 9p to 46p on news of a plan for

Figures helped Ladbroke to rise 3p to 102p, Sharna Ware 4p to 45p and Bome Counties News 5p to 42p. Weir Group eased after hours on figures. Equity turnover on March 21 was £66.10m (17,426 bargains). According to Exchange Tele-According to Exchange Telegraph, ective stocks yesterday were Courtaulds, Plessey, Turner & Newall, Unilever, National Westminster, GEC floating rate notes, Beecham, Shell, Distillers, BICC, BP, BAT Did, Burmah, ICI, Pacific Copper, Swan Hunter, Wm Press, Racal, European Ferries, Wilmot-Breeden, Warren Holdings and F I Wallis. ings and F J Wallis.



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Bumper £7.5m from Weir Group -and salt pay-off still to come

Weir Group's position as one 1976 pre-tax total. No prob-if the top three desclination lems have been encountered on plant contractors in the progress payments, apparently, The expenditure is being plant contractors in the Middle East barely beloed pre-18x profits to forge cheed by 21 percent to a record £7.5m in 1976; but it stands to make a significant impact this year.
Although the board are looking for more than a "modest advance" in 1977, he bulk of

term investors preferring to ally on the sidelines until the

The FT Index was 3.8 better

waned it fell back to close

exactly five points up at 419.4.

The oil sector is confident that Ultrana's forthcoming annual meeting will bring good news on the all-important Indonesia

gus project. The word is that it will come on stream several months ahead of schedule, wignally set for the second half of the year. Profits from the wenters along world asset

the venture alone could event-nully reach f8m and transform the group. All this is reflected in the shares which traded at

In the gilt-edged market, trading was also much lighter

with what interest there was

coursed on shorter dates, where

the prospect of another cut in the Minimum Lending Rate acted as an additional incentive. Gaius among the "shorts" succeived to five eighths with

longer dates ending at or just above overnight levels as recent

Bid activity sprang to life again, Foremost was Barr &

Stroud which soured from 173p to J60p, still some way short of the bid price of 590p from l'ilkington. The share was mentioned here as a possible bid candidate carlier this year.

profit-taking dried up.

a jirm 150v.

fit comes through this year and With a Ostar project adding 135m to the desalination work-load, Weir now has about 125m of this type of work on

lems have been encountered on progress payments, apparently, so the work is largely self-financing.

At home, Weir has had to provide £740,000 for closure of the Yoker pump factory whose work has been absorbed by the two other pump plants. But the foundry and pump divisions are to receive almost all the £2.5m-Sm capital investment in 1977; and the board reports that orders are far less "lumpy" than last year, for example, output for aricraft industry was £130.12m mtal, are a almost entirely concentrated in increasing significance.

Some 13m will be injected into the pump business in the

financed by depreciation and is thus well within cash flow. Retentions are being used to cur gearing, which has been slashed in the past two years from 160 per cent to around 90 per cent at the last balance sheet date.

The order-book scands at £200m (against about £120m a year ago) and exports both direct and indirect, worth about a fifth of last year's £130.12m rotal, are assuming

The sheros were unchanged

iracts range, between 3 per tent to a maximum 7 per cent, some f3m will be injected so the aggregate profit contribution for 1977 and 1978 could, next two yours while the injected match the vestment in foundries will be

vestenday at 89p where the divi-dent of 7.28p gross a share (against 6.6p) yields 8.1 per

Swoop on F J Wallis

BAT tries shops again

International Stores appears to have timed its £66m cash bid for supermarket chain, F. J. Wallis, with uncanny accuracy. Several members of the Wallis hoord, including chairmen Mr D. J. Glynn, have been ill over the past year and cermin others have left

While the essential management strengths, widely recognized in the market yesterday. have been unimpaired, certain elements of long strategy bave 20ue avery.

Crucially, the F. J. Wallis Scattlement, has proved out of top with the sims of the execuuve board. The bid, which Wallis discovered at around midnight on Monday night, has already been accepted by one Wallis director, Mr E. T. Blythe, on behalf of the trust and other diverse holdings have also pitched in giving loter-national Stores instant control

of over 50 per cent.

On tactical grounds, too,

Wallis has been left on the
starting grid since a new
merchant banking advisor,

Horgan Grenfell, was appointed only last Friday and would have taken some rime to build the ramparts of a defence wallis had decided to resist.

five year programme for new larger stores is now under way, the group had been accumulat-ing a tempeting pile of cash. The latest balance sheet for the year to 1 January last shows no overdrafts and cash and short term deposits of £3.94m.

short term deposits of £3.94m.
But it is understood that management and Economics of Scale rather than cash are International's chief targets. Walls pushed profits in a harsh trading climate up by 34 per cent last year to a peak £3.51m and, although the pressure on gross margins intensified, the pre-tax return on turnover pre-tax return on turnover improved from 4.07 per cent to 4.35 per cent. Sales grew by £16.5m to £80.24m.

This year the group is look-ing for maintained margins, and sales in the first eight weeks have risen by 23 per cent. With a right control on overheads, which are building up less quickly this year, a percentage decline in the depreciation charge promotions, modernization and a strong financial position, the historic p/e ratio of 12.3 is not particularly

The instant market reaction was to look at the likely reper-cussions on other small stores groups. Linfood, for example, climbed 2p to 238p while

boardroom meant that Wallis it may be that over the longer had to defer investment decisions and, while plans for a sim somewhat higher than aim somewhat higher than these.

Its problems have been pro-

found. A total of over 300 stores, almost a third of the total, have been closed since the autumn of 1975 in an attempt to build an increased average outlet size into the portfolio.
It is no coincidence that Wallis operates at an average floor space of 5,000 sq ft, some 2,000 sq ft per store greates than International, whose margins bear scant comparison. For example, International made 53.1m pre-tax in the year to end-September last on sales of almost £300m. This relative failure is accounted for by the dramatic shift in the retail sector as a whole that has occurred since the economic crisis of 1974. With cost-inflation overtaking price-inflation, economies of scale are the

major oriority. It is doubtful, given a 10 per cept cost of money charge, whether International has "washed its face" since its £62m acquisition by BAT Industries. The board are stepping up International's "re-cycling programme with 500,000 sq fr of large store development starting to come on stream this

Ray Maughan

RAI GROTP

Extracts from the statement by Mr. John Pile, Chairman, at the Annual General Meeting held in London on 22nd March 1977

PROFITS AND INVESTMENT

The increase in Group profit before tax from £106.8 million to £129.6 million, a rise of 21.3%. was no bad performance in a year so full of gloom in British industry. The need for greater profitability in British industry is now more widely recognised. The profits of imperial are not yet great enough for the good of the total enterprise. but nevertheless, in the current year we are planning to spend in excess of £80 million on new fixed investment, some £30 million more than lastyear. We are sure that this is right in the long term interests of our Company.

PRICE CONTROL

With our considerable continuing success in the market place we would normally have expected to provide this new investment out of cash flow.We will, of course, make every effort to do so, but the effect of the Price Code over the last 3½ years has been to erode our profits and those of other companies to the point where the Code itself became ineffective. It is now intended to alter it, with new provisions apparently dictated by power politics. The proposals are vague and the effect of implementing them would be to bring to commercial decision-taking a whole new area of un-certainty. Uncertainty is the enemy of planning and therefore of investment. Price control should be abolished in its entirety. The market place will ensure, as it does at present, that prices remain fair. Increased profits should be actively encouraged by Government so that British industry can regain the strength to develop the factories and



Mr. John Pile, Chairman, Imperial Group Limited

products and the skills which, together, can | mined management, well able to adapt our comenable us to prosper.

MANAGERS.

Disillusionment is widespread amongst managers at all levels. They feel undervalued, and they are. The management of our Group is second to none: those of us who have visited companies and business schools in other countries can testify to that. But thousands of managers and professionally qualified men have already left this country for places where their skills are better appreciated including, I am sad to say, some men from this Company. And those, usually with little experience of industry, who speak slightingly of the British manager should be asked - "Why then is he so keenly sought after by firms in other countries?" it is to be fervently hoped that our present Chancellor will show his understanding of this problem in a practical way when he speaks next Tuesday, and that whatever agreement the Government may make with the TUC on the next phase of the pay policy, the plight of the manager will not once again be overlooked.

SMOKING AND HEALTH

I am pleased to be able to say that our Tobacco Division, together with the rest of the UK industry. has continued to have a good working relationship with the Department of Health and Social Security. To quote the Secretary of State when he announced details of a new voluntary three-year agreement with the industry on 8th March, "The industry has been helpful and constructive during these discussions and I would like to make public acknowledgement of that." We believe that this agreement will bring greater stability to the in-dustry in the field of smoking and health and therefore will be in its longer term interests.

Further, we have all co-operated since 1973 with the Independent Scientific Committee on Smoking & Health, now commonly known as the Hunter Committee, with particular reference to the clearance for marketing of tobacco substitutes and additives. This Committee is due to meet on Friday next and we look forward to getting early clearance for NSM, our new tobacco substitute.

PROSPECTS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR Unless some blow is struck at us - perhaps in next week's Budget - we expect the half year results to show some slight advance over the corresponding period of the previous year - and this despite artificially high sales in that latter period following the change in the tobacco duty structure. Beyond that the imponderables are much greater. The pay policy, price control, fiscal policy, inflation - even the weather affects us. But, against that, our main products have proved their wide appeal. Indeed, to many people they are essential for the full enjoyment of life. We have a strong and deter-

panies if necessary to changing times. In the past i have referred to the advantage gained by a Group of our kind from the fact that if one Division or Unit is auffering some special difficulty this will normally be counterbalanced by improved results elsewhere. With that thought to comfort me i am as convinced as any company chairman can be in these uncertain times that the profits for the current year will, in historic terms, be at least as high as those of the previous year, and that we are well poised for increased success in 1978 and

Consolidated Results in Brief

■ million	1376	1975
BROUP SALES	2,866-22	2,353-74
SUMMARY OF PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS		
Group trading surplus before Interest	151-33	138-87
Interest charges	38-53	44-68
Investment income	16-77	14-59
GROUP PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	129-57	106-80
Group profit before deferred taxation	86-35	83-46
GROUP PROFIT AFTER ALL TAXATION (excluding expraordingly liters)	68-37	82-56
APPLIED AS FOLLOWS	-	
Revenue reserves 29-58	1	20-13
Ordinary dividends 35-75	65-37	32-53
Extraordinary items transferred to revenue reservos	13-66	21-116
SUMMARY OF BALANCE SHEET	5	4-1
Group operating papital	1,011-20	\$82-37
(investinants	250-05	242-36
	1,261-26	1,224-73
Net assets at book value	- 735-33 -	706-26
KEY STATISTICS		
Earnings per share (excluding extraordinary items)	9:3a ·	7.5p
Dividend pershare	5-068p -	4-608p
Dividend—times govered	1.8	1-6
Interest—times covered	4.4	34
Net assets at book value in pence per share:		
Trading	-68- 7	65.7
Investments	35-4	36-3
	104-1p	100-0p
Loan capital and short term borrowings as a percentage of natessets at book value excluding goodwill	29-8%	102-6%
"At 4th February 1977 the total valu		

WE ARE WELL POISED FOR INCREASED SUCCESS IN 1978 AND BEYOND"

Y. J. LOVELL (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

MAIN CROUP ACTIVITIES Ruiding Residential and Commercial Developments,

Plant Hire, Timber Importing and Merc	hauting	
A year of success		
SUMMARISED RESULTS	1976 £000	1975 2000
Group Turnover	47,337	39,515 1.362
Trading Profit before Taxation	1,525 683	649
Profit before Taxation Ordinary Dividend 3.43p per share (1975—2.11p)		127
Earnings per Ordinary share	10.7p	10.4p

(* as approved by the Treasury on increased capital) Extracts from Address to Shareholders by the Chairman, Peter Trench

"... While we are still obtaining our fair share of quality enquiries for construction we steadlastly refuse to take contracts at uneconomic prices. I am, however, more optimistic that the residential and commercial development sectors could see a return to real confidence this year. Because of its close relationship to housebuilding this applies equally to our timber division.

. . The overseas market must be taken seriously and it is in shareholders' long term interests that we broaden our geographical base."

"... Despite the gloomy prediction for the Industry generally, as a Group we have started the present year well and I am not too despondent about finishing the year in reasonable style."



but keep house flag on high

Boddington's, the Lancashire brewery, continued to produce the taste of success last year with a 37 per cent increase in

Against the trend, Boddingtons' lager sales declined, because, Mr Ewart Boddington,
chairman, believes, drinkers
visit Boddingtons' pubs to drink
Boddingtons' beer, not lager.
Indeed, the popularity of Indeed, the popularity of Boddingtons' beer continues to grow. Sales of its own beer, which accounts for 89 per cent dingtons' is still able to be of sales, rose 25 per cent by volume, against a national average increase in sales of only

ALCAN ALUMINIUM Preliminary indications are that first-quarter's earnings should be well above low levels of last year-BANQUE EUROPEENE

Banque Européenne de Crédit, the Brussels-based bank in which Midland Bank has a stake, in-creased its net profits from BF305m to BF364m in 1976. even BF305m to BF364m in 1976, even though the low level of investment activity and the strength of the Belgian franc against the dollar restricted the growth in the balance sheet total to 3 per cent to BF74,000m.

CRELLON HOLDINGS CRELLON HOLDINGS

Crelion Holdings, the industrial distributor, has increased the share capital of its subsidiary, Superiamp Metallic, by £350,000. The chief executive, Mr G. R. Heywood, said: "This equity investment in our electrical wholesating subsidiary indicates our confidence that the problems which this company faced last year are over and that it is moving into higher profitability."

HOVERINGHAM GROUP Second Hamme Investments now holds 1.57m restricted voting shares in Hoveringham Group (21.6 per cent).

CREDIT FOR PORTUGAL
The Export Credits Guarantee Department has guaranteed a £5m line of credit which N. M. Roths-child and Sons, acting on behalf

With its crucial meeting with

the National Farmers' Union

Thomas Borthwick & Sons has

been trying to convince FMC,

Britain's biggest meat group, of

the commercial logic behind its

increased by 116 per cent in the past five years and the management is investing a further £21m over the next two years to increase capacity; and currently there is £2m cash in

total last year compared with 5 per cent in 1975, and Bod-dingtons is still able to be selective in the outlets it

chooses to supply.

Tenancies are continually being sought while the beer If per cent.

The company's volume has sales per pub, at an average

Briefly

of a consortium of London at

TOMATIN DISTILLERS

up, reports board.

UNION CARSIDE

Borthwick presses its case with FMC

BENJAMIN PRIEST

Benjamin Priest and Sons (Holdings) is to buy Blackheath Engineering for \$500,000, satisfied by shares or cash at vendors' option.

Blackheath is a private company in the West Midlands and manu-factures cold formed and machined

Melbourne.—Minefields Exploration NL has signed an agreement with Union Carbide Corp subsidiary. Australian and New Zealand Exploration Co (ANZECO), for further explora-

stake in FMC and wound up

with a major stake in the merged company.

existing FMC operations would

play in the new group and what the board representation of FMC and the NFU Trust would

The Borthwick directors also

tion and possible development of Minefields' tungsten project ar Mi

9.06p per share.

benefits from the cult ex-panded by the Campaign for

Real Ale.

The year's dividend is being

increased to 5.38p with a final of 2.3p gross. Earnings were

17 barrels a week, continues at

Despite projections of in-

a high level

SCOTTISH NORTHERN Pre-tax revenue of Scottish Northern Investment Trust for year to Feb 5 up from £1.3m to of a consortain of bondon and societal societal panks, has made available to Sociedade Financeira Portugalesa EP. Portugal. The loan will enable buyers in Portugal to place orders in the United Kingdom for capital plant and equipment. f1.71m. Total gross payment raised from 3.55p to 4.31p To reduce disparity between interim and final, trust is to pay an interim of 1.84p gross on Nov 5, against 1.25p.

BURY & MASCO This textile manufacturer recouped a good part of its 1975 setback last year. Taxable profit improved from £732,000 to £874,000. Turnover up from £8.4m to £11.1m; earnings a share, 7.2p (5.3p); dividend rises from 5.33p to £5.50 gross. Turnover for 1976 up from £5.98m to 57.5m, but pre-tax profits down from £508,000 to £430,000. Total gross dividend raised from 3.75p to 4.13p. Orders for new whisky are 30 per cent to 6.53p gross.

> BEAVER GROUP Mr Michael Barnes, chairman, thinks a large majority of share-holders will not accept C. H. In-dustrials' offer and that a further extension will be necessary to gain over 50 per cent. Meanwhile, Beaver has acquired 10,000 of its own shares at 39p.

> Sales for 1976 rose from £92.9m to £132m and pre-tax profits from £9.3m to £20m. Earnings a share are 43.5p (22p). Dividend is held at 22.8p gross. Group controlled by ICI Lead Inds and Federated Chemical Holdings.

Borthwick now holds 540,000

shares in FMC—about 5; per cent of the equity. For its part, FMC has em-

phasized the importance of the present large shareholding of

NFU and suggested an early

meeting with the trust.

The FMC board will be writ-

ing to stareholders soon with advice on the offer of 125p cash, or seven Borthwick shares

for every six FMC, an othe lower offer from NFU. Mean-

while shareholders are advised not to sign any documents.

J Jacobs pay more after reverse

I. Jacobs, the London-based ship owner, tanker broker and manager, is all too evident in full-time results for 1976. Taxsable profit was almost balved
from £2.46m to £1.42m on turnover down only slightly from
£2.46m to £2.15m.

This time round there was no

Despite projections of in-creasing lager sales which could account for half of the United Kingdom beer market within the next 10 years, the company is sticking to development of its traditional brews, although it will continue to sell lager on extraordinary item, against 1975's £2.1m loss on the sale of my Teakwood. The latest results include investment intrading arrangements.

The group believes it is well placed to combat the growing market share of lagers. Its beer is a light colour, is kept largely in cooled cellars, and come and interest received more than doubled from £373,000 to

Earnings a share work out at 3.78p (4.1p), but the board is lifting the dividend from 2.31p

After six months profits were fairly stable at £746,000. The two vessels continued to trade profitably, the board said, though the current charter of my Hollywood was ending.

Interest and investment in-come in the first half increased sharply from £211,000 to £496,000 but the board expected that this source would be reduced for the rest of the year (in the event, not significantly).

Better margins lift Watmoughs 50pc

Although the rate of growth slowed in the second half, Watmoughs (Holdings) has pushed its pre-tax profits 50 per cent ahead to a record £561,000 for 1976. The first six months saw them jump 96 per cent from a depressed figure, while the second brought a rise of 35 per cent to £381,000. The board of this printing, publishing and process group is confident of further, sustained growth.

Turnover for the year went up 29 per cent to £6.8m, indicating a rise in margins from 7 to 8.1 per cent. Earnings a share are 11.82p (7.88p), while the dividend is raised from 3p to 4.5p gross.

Best yet for Bronx

Record profits are again turned in by West Midlands-based Bronx Engineering. Though not rivalling the opening 56 per cent jump, pre-tax profits for the year to November 30 climbed 36 per cent to 5785,000. This was achieved on turnover of 59.2m compared with E8.5m. Earnings a share rose from 4.4p to 5.8p. It pays a total increased from an adjusted 1.96p gross to 2.17p.

Globe & Phoenix

The proposed merger of Globe and Phoenix Gold Mining and Phoenix Mining and Finance will permit the utiliza-

LEGAL NOTICES

THE BANKRUPTCY ACTS, 1914
AND 1925
In the Dorchester County Court
in Bankruptcy No. 12 of 1976 IAN
FO D formorty lan Altort named
in the Benkruptcy Notice as isnAlford's of Rutherhams Bhadford Hill, Winterborne, whitechurch,
Dorset, a Campany Director.

ving Order made 11 March

Brestying Order mason 11 ments
1977
Date and place of First Meeting:
Tuesday 5 April 1977 is 11.50 4.m.
at Official Receiver's Office, Burlington Arcade, Bouragnouth,
Date of Public Examination:
Friday 15 May 1977 at 10.30 at
Weymouth County Count, County
Hall, Dorchester,
NOTE.—All debts due to the
estate should be said to ne.
Dated 21 March 1977
R. F. SAVAGE
Sortiaeton Arcade.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR in the matter of WESTNARD GIRCUITS LIMITED HIGH COURT OF LIMITED NO. 1002803

High Court of the High Court of 1870 Ry the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Companies Court, Oerden Alan Coombs, FLA, of Southernhay House. 36 Southernhay Last. Exeter has been appointed Liquidator of the above named

Company, Dated this 25th day of February, 1977.

in the Malter of HECNAN BEDDOW

Barlington Arcade. Bownomouth BK1 2J9.

The warning in August of a Bird, chairman of the two com-second-half downturn from John panies, says in a circular. The proposed acquisition of the Worldwide Group for £250,000 cash will create the corner-

for Budget

The annual meeting of Imperial Group heard Mr J. D. Pile, chairman, predict that profits for the half year to April 30 should show some slight advance on the record £65m achieved last year-unless some blow was struck at the group-"perhaps in the

Profits for the full year should, in historic terms, be "at least" as high as the peak £129.50m made last year. Mr 5129.50m made last year. Mr Pile sees "Imps" as well poised for increased success in 1978

Bespoke sells stake in Walker at 149p

The aftermath of Bespoke share bid for C. & W. Walker six months ago shows up in the sale of its garnered 29.8 per cent stake.

This has been sold to a number of institutional investors and private individuals neaded by Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust. In a later ment, it was said the 256,000 Walker ordinary were sold at 149p each. This is some 24p above the share price. Walker is a specialist engineer.

Sharna over £500,000

The performance of Sharns Ware came up to the board's expectations over 1976 and this plastics group ends the year with a 58 per cent rise in pretax profits to a record £507,000. Turnover went up 28.5 per cent to £10.8m giving margins of 4.6 per cent against 3.79 per cent.



Mr J. D. Pile, chairman of Imperial Group.

The dividend is raised from 3p (adjusted) to 3.29p gross, while earnings a share are 14.16p against 9.93p. Liquidity has improved and the outlook for the current year is fair.

Hirst-Mallinson ploy rejected

The use of textile and distri-bution group Hirst & Mallinson as a vehicle to buy companies to be sold after development to be sold after development has been flatly rejected. Rejection came after the news that Mr J. N. Pike and Mr D. Abell control just under 30 per cent of the Hirst equity but do not intend to increase this figure.

A week 330 the two save some indication of their plans for the group. Mr Pike said he could bring business and proposed the buying policy. Those companies bought were to be developed and then sold at what was hoped would be a capital profit. But the board of Hirst thinks

that such a direction could affect "most adversaly" the

Rediffusion-Thames cheer

Improved profits from Television over the half of 1976 have second boosted the interim results of Rediffusion Television.

Turnover went up 26 per cent to £21.8m, while pre-tax profits of the group-in which British Electric Traction has a 62.4 per cent stake, and its subsidiary Rediffusion Ltd. 3.7 per cent—have risen 19 per cent to a record £5.3m. Attrib-urable profits for the six tion of the combined funds for months, to January 29, are clear that the group will end development which could not £1.7m, against £1.4m. the current year with a further be undertaken by the individual companies, Mr Fraser Holdings, in which BET effec- 2.25p final for 1975.

advertising tively has all but 8 per cent of cent of the equity, is once again not paying an interim. The group has been dusy with the construction of a con-ference centre and offices at its Wembly Stadium site for some time now and ended the year to March 31 last with a loss of £231,000 because of interest charges on the develop-

The position this year is much the same, and the board gives warning that "it is now

profits and future growth of the group. Consequently, they felt the use of Hirst as an instrument for the buying and disposal of companies against group interests. A statement later, on behalf of Mr Pike and Mr Abell, as the major shareholders in Hirst, said the board's statement had little relevance to the earlier discussions and showed a basic misunderstanding views.

Depreciation help for Commercial

Commercial Union's balance sheet at December 31 reflects last year's sterling depreciation.
For a start, shareholders' funds—up from £282m to £359m—are in part the higher for the f18.8m taken into reserves from foreign exchange gains less losses. Other factors were the £17.8m realized gains less losses on investments, £13m on shareholders' life profits, and £18.9m in unrealized gains on investments. Then the group's total borrowings, up from £225m to £278m, take in a £43m increase because of exchange rate movements. Outstanding claims and provisions, at £996m as against £789m, also reflect depreciation.

The value of securities in the non-life portfolio increased from £940m to £1,202m. This follows a big increase in the amounts invested in Govern-ment and other fixed interest stocks. In properties, the value in its portfolio rose from £204m to £241m. Mortgages and loans increased from £214m to £2"1m.

HCN on way back

Home Counties Newspapers performed much better in 1976 than in the preceding 12 months. But there is still a long way to go before matching the best-ever £994,000 in 1973. For the year to December 31 pre-tax earnings increased by £104,000 to £284,000 and earnings a share from 3.29p to 5.26p. The total payout is raised from 4.6p gross to 5.39p. For the year ahead the board reports signs of improved residue.

Courtney, Pope

Having produced record gures for 1975-76, Londonbased Courtney, Pope (Holdings) (shopfitters etc) is still thrusting shead.

On turnover up by 49 per cent to £7.13m in the half-year to Nov 30, pre-tax profits rose by 42 per cent to £355,000. Higher turnover and profit is being budgeted for in the second half and the indications are that these will once again be records. Meanwhile the dividend rises from 1.15p (adjusted) to 1.54p gross.

Volume sales increase helps Bayer to shine

Group sales of Bayer AG, one of the German chemical majors, rose last year by 17.4 per cent to DM20,811m (about £5,076m), while pre-tax profits of the parent alone jumped by 47.7 per cent to DM867m (about £211m). The net profit of the group or parent was not re-leased, but Bayer said profits would be better than the DM336m group net profit for

Sales of the parent company expanded by 21.4 per cent to DM9,655m. No earnings for the world group were given. Exports showed a slower growth

Price levels for most products remained steady with 1975 so that increased sales represented mostly an actual rise in volume. Better see of capacity and derivationalization enabled Bayer to offset heavier costs.

However, the loss in the synthetic fibres sector was not greatly reduced.

International

Foreign firms get Nigeria ultimatum

Nine foreign-managed firms including the giant UAC of Nigerla, a subsidiary of Unlever of Brirain, have been given until June 30 to make more shares available to Nigerians, it was stated in Lagos. The firms, Fke all others affected by Nigeria's indigenous trade law, bad previously sold out 40 per cent of their shares.

Now with a revision of the law, they have been ordered to reise their indigenous equity participation to 60 per tent by selling additional shares to Nigerians.—AFP.

Sobio opening gloom

Standard Oil Ohio said that based on preliminary results of operations for the first two months of 1977, net income for the first quarter will be "substantially below" the same period. In 1976 the first quarter not profit was \$24.3m. 63 cents a share, on sales of \$716.6m.

The company said that factors affecting the first quarter results include crude oil prices, increases which were not recovered through product price increases, the impact of abnormally cold weather on relining and chemicals operasome coal mines.-AP-DI.

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

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Democratic and Popular Algerian Republic Ministry of Industry and Energy Soneigaz

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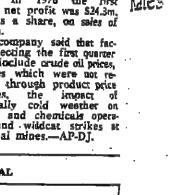
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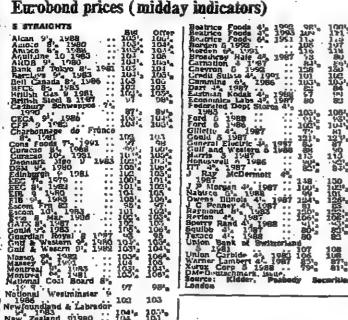
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Credit was in comfortable supply on Lombard Street yesterday and the houses enjoyed a day of quier progress with no intervention from the authorities. Bank halances had come through from Monday at levels rather above turget, but the principal plus factor was a very substantial excess of Exchequer disbursements over revenue receipts. The Swiss franc advanced strongly in mid-afternoon yesterday, moving to 2.5365/80 to the dollar from the mid-session 2.5465/75 as Swiss banks stocked up with francs for their endmonth and end-quarter requirements, dealers said. Over revenue receipts. This took care of a very small

ments, dealers said.

With EuroSwiss franc deposit rates for the turn of the mouth around 46 per cent some operators prefer to buy spot francs and hold them over the mouthend although the Swiss National Bank is expected to inject substantial liquidity into the market today through one-week swaps, they said.

The yen gained slightly as the United States market opened firming to a late 278.85/95 to the dollar

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polit. CITY & INTERNATIONAL

Net earnings of City and International Trust for half-year to February 28 np from £184,000 to £236,000. Interim payment, gross, up from 1.75p to \$2.

Sterling cased in late trading to close at \$1.7162, a loss of 13 points on the day. The effective rate was unchanged at 61.8 per

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Money Market

Wall Street

Kew York, March 22.—Stock prices closed mosely lower on the New York Stock Exchange amid concern about rising intlation and concern about rising inflation and interest rates.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 2.58 points down to 950.96. Declining shares outnumbered galners 795 to 535.

Volume totalled 18,660,000 shares compared with 18,040,000 shares Monday.

Silver dips 7.30 cents

This taok care of a very small Treasury bill takeup: a small increase in note circulation and the extremely large repayments that four or five discount houses had to make to the Bank of England in respect of Monday's MLR borrowing.

Since it was clear from the outset that conditions were going to be easy, houses tended to stand back when lenders asked 101 per cent or 101 per cent in the early stages. They soon found money answering rapidly as mey built up their books with rates coming down steadily from 10 per cent to 9 per cent by lunchtime.

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There was a slightly firmer inclination in the afternoon when earlier predictions of surplus were not fulfilled, but the afternoon did not deteriorate seriously and the final adequate belance of supply and demand enabled bocks to be ruled off in the range of 9 per cent of per cent.

Bills traded quietly, with "bot" Treasuries on a fractionally harder rate of 91, 95/16 per cent. The Wall Street and Canadian stock prices given in the table relate to Monday's close. Later publication is caused by the change to British Summer Time. This will continue until Rastern Baylight Time begins in the United States.

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F. J. WALLIS LIMITED

	53 weeks to	52 weeks to
	1 Jan 1977	31 Dec 1975
Turnover	£80.8m	£64.3m
Profit before taxation	£3.5m	£2.6m
Taxation	£1.8m	£1.5m
Profit after Taxation	£1.7m	£1.1m
Earnings per share	5.35p	3.47p

Extracts from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr D. R. Glynn

- * Pre-tax profits rose by 34% to a record £3.5 million.
- * Total dividend of 1.144p per share increased to the maximum permissible.
- * Approximately 25% additional selling space is anticipated for 1978. Each of the new stores will provide approximately 25,000 square feet of sales area, enabling us to extend the range of foods, particularly fresh foods.
- * Turnover up by 23% during the first eight weeks of current year.
- * Further modernization will continue to provide increased volume.

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from the Secretary, F. J. Wallis Limited, Glynn House, New Road, Rainham, Essex.

OPERATORS OF SUPERMARKETS IN THE SOUTH EAST

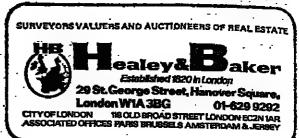
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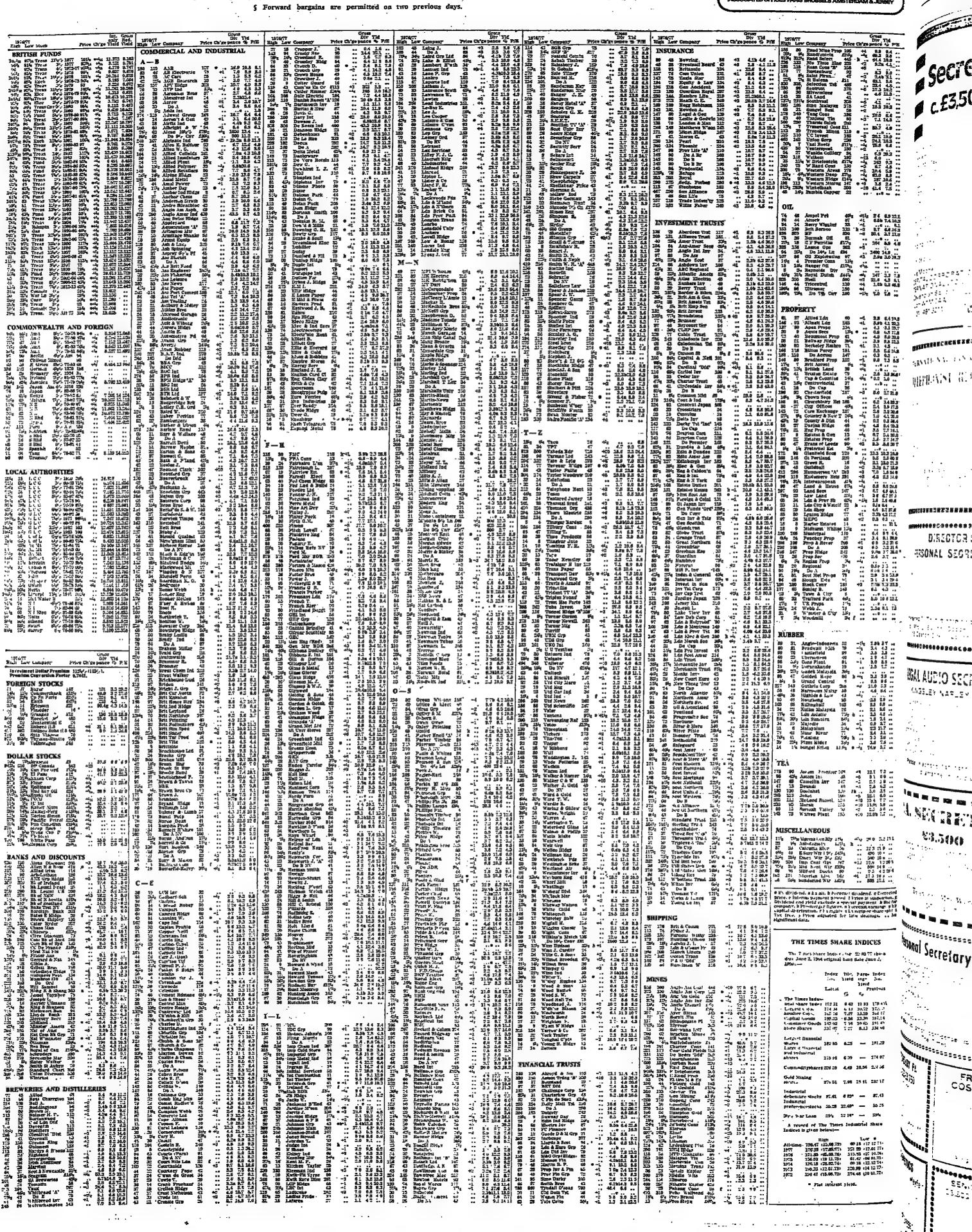
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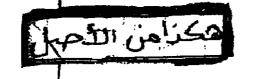
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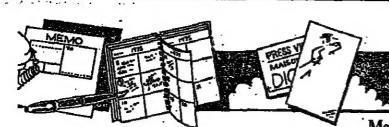
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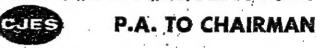
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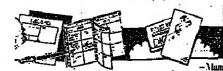
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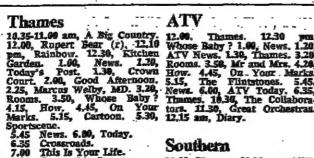


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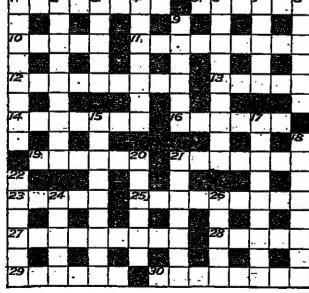
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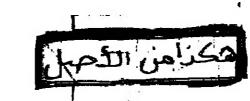
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